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# Van living in Van City

**Making a statement.**
Fed up with sky-high housing prices, a local man will call a vehicle his home for a year

Mathew Arthur has figured out how to own a home in Vancouver for less than $5,000 a year — he just needs to find a parking spot with a power outlet and a garden hose.

Arthur plans to live in a three-quarter-tonne van for one year starting Jan. 1.

"It's a creative political statement," the 30-year-old designer and web developer said. "I've lived in Vancouver for about eight years now, but I'm frustrated because I want to own my own home."

Sure, his space will be about 60 square feet and won't contain a toilet or shower, but for him a place of his own is more important than the traditional idea of a proper living space.

"It's about having a space that I can modify or change without having to ask someone else's permission."

A city bylaw requires recreational camping permits for living on the street or public property, but it doesn't specifically rule out living on private, rented property.

Arthur will rent his parking space for $250 a month. He has a few to choose from but hasn't landed a spot yet.

Arthur, who currently splits $1,700 in rent a month with his brother in a 650-square-foot laneway house, is fed up with the city's high rents and "very inflated market" that prices out average folks. In fact, an August RBC Economics Research report has pegged Vancouver as the least affordable housing market in Canada.

He doesn't want his experiment, which he plans to document, to be too political. Yet he points out that many people can't afford ownership or the feelings of stability and stewardship that it brings, especially those who live in the Downtown Eastside.

He isn't concerned about making the tiny space very efficient — he'll have a bed, desk, storage, art and books — and will outsource day-to-day rituals typically done at home.

He will use public amenities and shower after his yoga practice. For warmth, he'll plug in a space heater twice daily.

Arthur realizes it will be close-quarters if he has people over, but he says that's all part of the "intimate" experience.

"I'm willing to adapt instead of just accepting these comforts as necessities," Arthur said. "I think it'll be a really interesting year." EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Mathew Arthur, 30, stands beside a three-quarter-tonne van. He plans to live in a similar vehicle for a year in Vancouver to push the boundaries of how people define home ownership. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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Birth-rate effect

## Summer babies less likely to become CEOs, says study

Summer babies who grow up with dreams of one day becoming a CEO may be out of luck.

A new study from University of B.C.'s Sauder School of Business found that people born in June and July are least likely to become CEOs, while people born in March and April have the best chance at climbing the corporate ladder.

The report, which will be published in the December issue of Economics Letters, shows that in a sample of CEOs, just 6.13 per cent were born in June while 5.87 per cent had July birthdays.

In contrast, people born in March and April represented 12.53 per cent and 10.67 per cent of the CEO sample.

For the study, Sauder finance professor Maurice Levi and his co-authors, former Sauder PhD students Qianqian Du and Huasheng Gao, looked at 375 CEOs between 1992 and 2009.

The study also took into account the cutoff dates that U.S. schools use for school admission, making the summer babies the youngest in their classes.

Levi said this is a result of the "birth-rate effect" that can have a long-lasting influence on careers.

Older children tend to perform better than the younger ones, he added, and are usually the ones who get leadership roles such as team captains and school prefects.

This isn't the first time this effect has been brought to light. Malcolm Gladwell's popular book Outliers argued that there are more players in the NHL born between January and March than any other month.

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The top part of a pamphlet sent home with Grade 5 students at a Chilliwack elementary school shows a copy of a free red "answer book." SUBMITTED

# Father angered after daughter sent home with religious book

**Secular education.**
Man complains to school board about distribution of brochure published by Gideons International

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A Chilliwack father whose daughter was recently sent home from school with a religious pamphlet says the school district's policy is trampling his child's right to a secular education.

Richard Ajabu complained to the school board after seeing the red brochure published by evangelical Gideons International, which has been offering free Bibles to Grade 5 students in Canada since 1946.

While the Chilliwack district is one of only about three in B.C. that still allows the distribution of Gideon Bibles in schools, its policy states they can only do so with parental consent.

Ajabu says his child should have received a plain consent form rather than the glossy "marketing materials" she was sent home with that double as a consent form, and also wants the permissive policy wiped out entirely.

"Imagine how Muslim, Sikh, Hindu and children of other religions feel knowing that SD33 gives preferential access to Christian marketing," he wrote in a complaint to the school board that was set to be discussed at a meeting Tuesday night.

"I can imagine that some (First Nations) families might not appreciate this kind of indoctrination of their children either, (with) residential school wounds still trying to heal."

Ajabu says his daughter read and was influenced by the "attractive red 'answer book' plastered with smiling kids, intriguing and potentially frightening questions, branding and graphic art."

The pamphlet reads: "It is often in grade five that a child begins asking the big questions of life: what is right and wrong, what is the purpose of life, and what happens when we die," and advertises the Gideons' website address.

He said religious-studies classes already give public-school students the opportunity to explore all religions, as well as atheism.

**School Act**

- The School Act states public schools must be conducted on strictly secular and non-sectarian principles, and no religious dogma is to be taught.
- A spokesman for the B.C. Ministry of Education said it is up to school districts and their trustees to ensure that.

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## RCMP. Government issues denial in one of several harassment lawsuits

The federal government has filed a statement of defence in one of several sexual-harassment lawsuits filed by female officers, denying the allegations and suggesting the courts aren't the appropriate venue to air such complaints.

The statement was filed earlier this month in a case involving Const. Karen Katz, who launched a lawsuit in January alleging years of harassment and eventually sexual abuse by one of her colleagues when the pair worked for the RCMP in Vancouver.

The lawsuit is among several filed in the past year alleging verbal, physical and sexual abuse within the RCMP, which have prompted the force to pledge to root out such "dark-hearted behaviour."

Katz's lawsuit claimed Cpl. Baldev (David) Singh Bamra complained about her to other officers, engaged in inappropriate roughhousing and on one occasion pushed his genitals against her. Those allegations have not been tested in court.

In its statement of defence, the federal government, on behalf of the RCMP, denies all of Katz's allegations and says she did not complain to her superiors until April 2011, which prompted an investigation.

The statement of defence says Katz should have filed a grievance under the RCMP's formal grievance process rather than filing a lawsuit.

"If the plaintiff was dissatisfied with any administrative decisions or actions of (an) RCMP member or a responsible officer, the plaintiff was obliged and had opportunities to grieve those in a timely way," says the statement, filed in B.C. Supreme Court on Oct. 15.

The statement of defence said the court doesn't have the jurisdiction to hear the allegations from Katz.

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## Miners. Province investigates claims, fees by Chinese recruiters

The provincial government is investigating after the B.C. Federation of Labour complained an employment agency has been advertising for Canadian jobs, offering miners in China a chance to work here in exchange for exorbitant recruitment fees.

The investigation was launched because it is against the Employment Standards Act to charge a foreign worker a fee for information about employment or help them find a job in the province. Workers also cannot be forced to pay back any costs associated with recruitment to the company or agency.

"It is a serious allegation," said Jobs Minister Pat Bell of a news release issued by Jim Sinclair, president of the B.C. Federation of Labour.

"I hope he has substance to it. If he does, we will get to the bottom of it."

But that's not good enough for the B.C. Federation of Labour, which has been a vocal critic of the decision earlier this month to allow foreign, temporary workers into B.C. coal mines.

"The only sensible thing to do is to suspend the permits and conduct a full investigation," Sinclair said in the release.

"We have a duty to the unemployed Canadians who are looking for work and willing to train, and we have a duty to ensure that when foreign workers come to Canada, they do so with their rights protected, not trampled on." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Homeless people take refuge at First United Church in December 2011. The church became a focal point in a funding controversy between the city and province during a cold snap that year. DANIEL PALMER/METRO FILE

# Funding secured for city shelters

**Crisis averted.** The cold-weather shelters will provide 160 spaces for the homeless between November and May

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Last December, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson stood on the steps of city hall and declared, "We can't have people dying in our streets."

The outrage was directed at the provincial government, which, up to that point, had refused to provide $1.5 million to run the city's emergency 160-bed cold-weather shelters.

Robertson called the province's actions deplorable and declared the situation a crisis.

The two sides came to an agreement later that week.

Another potential acrimonious standoff has been averted this year, as the city and province announced funding for four temporary cold-weather shelters in Vancouver well ahead of the winter season.

"I'll be resting a bit easier this winter," said Vancouver Coun. Kerry Jang. "We're really thrilled. It was very easy this time to get an agreement for what we need in Vancouver. The province was committed to it very early on."

The shelters, run by Rain-City Housing, will provide 160 spaces for the homeless between the end of November 2012 and May 2013.

The provincial government will provide $1.6 million in operating costs and has also agreed to fund up to 100 transitional housing spaces to ensure people taking shelter have a chance of securing supportive housing.

"These accommodations will go a long way towards getting people off the streets and into more permanent housing," said Premier Christy Clark in a statement.

The province has provided funding for the cold-weather spaces for the past three years.

It will be up to the city to decide where the shelters will operate.

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## Sex offences. Court martial finds B.C. captain guilty on charges involving teen cadets

The former deputy commander of a Victoria-based military cadet corps has been found guilty of four charges involving two teenaged cadets.

A court martial at CFB Esquimalt has convicted Capt. Daniel Moriarity of sexual exploitation, sexual interference, sexual assault and behaving in a disgraceful manner.

The charges involved two cadets, a 16-year-old girl and a boy who was 15 when the assaults began.

The court martial was told the attacks happened between 2008 and 2011, at the Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Centre in the North Okanagan and at the Lt.-Gen. Ashton Armoury in Victoria.

At the time of his arrest, Moriarity was deputy commanding officer of the Victoria Signals Army Cadet Corps 3005.

Sentencing is expected to begin in Esquimalt on Oct. 31.

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## Loss of life. Olympian faces toughest hurdle with death of infant son

Olympian Zach Bell endured the hardest moment of his life last week, and it had nothing to do with cycling.

He and wife Rebecca's infant son, born weighing seven pounds eight ounces Oct. 13 in Vancouver, died just three days later after suffering an acute brain event due to a lack of oxygen during the late stages of pregnancy.

The Yukon-born cyclist took to his blog to share the heart-wrenching story.

Paxton Michael was born not breathing, and was quickly whisked away to B.C. Children's Hospital.

There, he received care for two days before Bell received what he described as "the most terrifying news I have ever received in my life."

A late-pregnancy issue with the umbilical cord resulted in a lack of oxygen, resulting in an acute, severe brain event.

"There was no part of him that was not impacted," Bell wrote.

"Our perfect boy, a perfect pregnancy for my wife, had grown just the way he should have and had everything robbed of him."

**Quoted**

**"Cycling and its challenges seem small compared to what he fought against. We will miss him."**
Zach Bell

Last Tuesday, after being informed there was nothing more the doctors could do, the family was faced with the difficult choice to take Paxton off life support to see if he could support himself.

"After a fight that seemed to last an eternity, it was obvious he (could) not, and he passed quietly cradled in his mother's arms," Bell said.

"Rebecca and I love him with all our hearts after only a short time. Even though he never had a chance with us here, we got to know him and his personality over the last nine months."

Bell went public with the couple's heartache last Saturday, sharing the tragic news with his fans.

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**Kamloops**

### Hunters saves abandoned kittens

A hunter from Kamloops says he hopes those who abandoned five kittens on a remote logging road face the consequences.

Ken McKibbon was out hunting for moose and bear this past weekend when he found the small felines huddled together on a freezing cold and wet pink blanket in a pet carrier. McKibbon says he was pretty angry, calling the abandonment cruel.

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**Backlogs**

### No specifics in B.C. court plan: NDP

In a bid to reduce the backlogs in the province's sluggish courts, Justice Minister Shirley Bond has identified 10 steps designed to make the courts more efficient, more transparent and ultimately faster.

But NDP critic Leonard Krog says there are not enough specifics in the plan and argues any meaningful change will require additional resources.

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Victoria Bull tries some of the food prepared for the Welfare Food Challenge by chef Karen Barnaby on Tuesday. KATE WEBB/METRO

# Welfare food test ends — for some

**Raise the Rates.**
100 challengers now know the difficulty of feeding themselves with $26 for a week

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As 100 challengers concluded a week of trying to feed themselves on $26 to see what it's like living on B.C.'s welfare rates, Victoria Bull tucked into some food that was prepared by a chef to demonstrate just how little that buys.

Bull, who is raising her nine-year-old granddaughter on the Downtown Eastside, has $178 left each month to cover food, clothing and other expenses after her $610 rent is paid. She said she has applied for disability and crisis funding because she suffers from rheumatoid and osteoarthritis, but her claims have repeatedly been denied.

The slight woman explained most of her money goes toward trying to feed her granddaughter, who requires a high-protein diet because she has ADHD.

"I've had to go without (meals) quite a bit, and I do get tired," she said, adding she drinks water to calm her hunger pangs and eats at three drop-in centres where she volunteers as much as possible.

Not being able to afford a bus pass, she has to walk a lot, and said it's a daily struggle to maintain her weight.

"I commend them for taking that challenge, and it gives me that thought, 'Yeah, they took that challenge,' but what if they took the challenge for the whole month? Because a lot of us here downtown, we have to go through that every day."

**Rates**

**Raise the Rates organizer Bill Hopwood said welfare and disability rates were about 50 per cent higher 30 years ago than they are today in relative dollars, and called on politicians to do more for B.C.'s 180,000 welfare recipients.**

Ted Bruce said his pants are a bit loose after taking the challenge initiated by Raise the Rates, a coalition of organizations that says homelessness has more than doubled since welfare rates were slashed in 2002.

Bruce, who is the executive director of population health with Vancouver Coastal Health, said the experience reinforced his understanding of research on why low-income people have higher rates of chronic disease.

"We know that people who have food-security issues, who are low-income, use more hospital days than other people, and that's costing the system a lot of money, and I think it suggests we should be investing in poverty reduction."

## Expert defends memo sent on bullying video

An anti-bullying expert is defending a memo she co-authored that cautioned school districts around British Columbia about showing classes a YouTube video shot by Amanda Todd before her suicide.

Theresa Campbell helped write the memo only days after the 15-year-old from Port Coquitlam died. The memo advised school districts that it was "preferable" teachers didn't show Todd's video, while also offering advice on what steps should be taken if teachers chose to show the video.

The memo was sent out Oct. 14 but didn't come under fire from teachers publicly until the past few days.

"This wasn't a 'do not,'" she said of the memo, noting instead it was a "caution" and a document meant to raise awareness.

The video, shot by Todd about a month before her death, details the abuse and torment the teen suffered after exposing her breasts while in Grade 7 to an unidentified man during an online chat.

Campbell said she knows of one case where a student who had previous suicidal thoughts ran out of the class after seeing the video and another where a student who had lost a parent was traumatized.

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**Expert in school safety**

**According to the provincial government, Campbell is an international expert on school safety.**

- She facilitated Ottawa and Surrey roundtable discussions in 2011 on youth violence and gang issues.

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# Veteran Vancouver police horse Pico dies

**Beloved horse.** Pico died of old age Sunday after joining the mounted squad in 1993 and retiring from active duty in 2006

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Pico, a veteran police horse, died Sunday after 13 years of service with the Vancouver police mounted unit.

The beloved horse, known for his calm and reliable nature, died of old age at the VPD stables. Pico joined the mounted squad in 1993 and retired from active duty in 2006.

He spent the next five years as a therapeutic horse at the Southlands Riding Club, providing young children with companionship and confidence in riding a horse. Pico suffered a fall in the summer of 2011, ending his days as a riding horse.

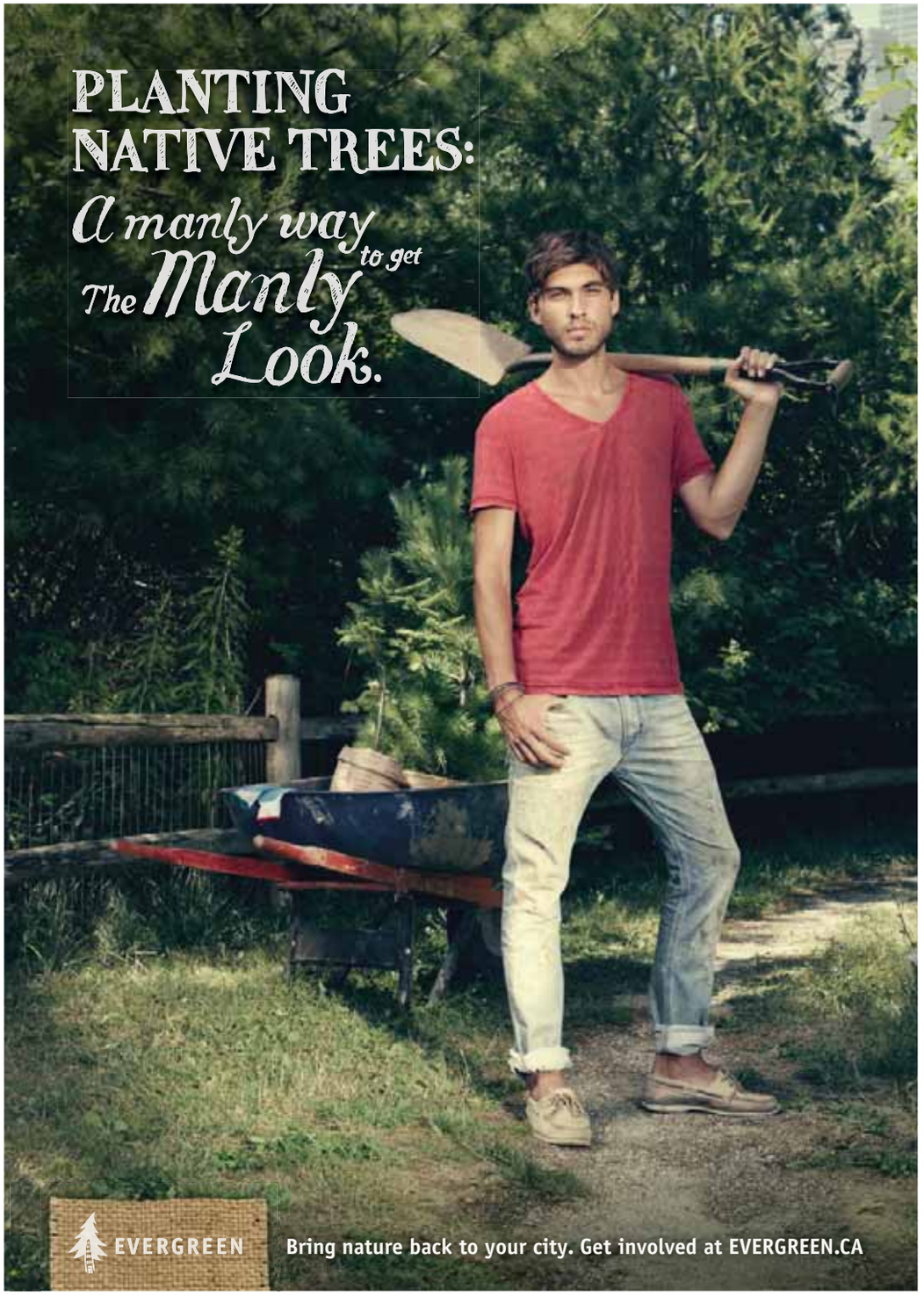
He was brought back to the VPD stables to live out the rest of his retirement. Sgt. Doug McMillan of the mounted unit said Pico died peacefully and without pain.

**Service**

**13**

Pico put in 13 years of service.

Veteran Vancouver police horse Pico died Sunday of old age. CONTRIBUTED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## Crime. Five more people face charges after last year's Stanley Cup riot

More criminal charges are stacking up against those accused of taking part in last year's Stanley Cup riot in Vancouver.

The B.C. Criminal Justice Branch has approved charges against five people, bringing the total number of suspects charged to 161.

The latest charges against three adults and two juveniles include taking part in a riot, mischief, break-and-enter and using a face mask to commit an offence.

The juveniles can't be named, but the adults are Joseph Graham, Brock Bigattini and Beau Pearson.

The riot in June 2011 saw mobs smash windows, burn cars and loot stores in downtown Vancouver after the Canucks lost Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final to Boston.

Several people have already pleaded guilty for their part in the riot, and earlier this month the Crown indicated it was appealing sentences for two men because it said the sentences were too lenient.

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**Disease control**

### Women born from 1991-93 urged to get HPV vaccine

The B.C. Centre for Disease Control is urging women born from 1991 to 1993 to get vaccinated against the HPV virus.

Infections from the virus cause almost all cases of cervical cancer, but the centre says the vaccine can prevent up to 70 per cent of such cases.

The vaccine is free and is given in a series of three shots over six months.

The vaccinations can be administered by doctors, pharmacists and medical staff at public-health units.

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**Real-estate report**

### Locals predict drop in home prices

Vancouver homebuyers are pinning their real-estate hopes on a modest drop in house prices over the coming year.

That's according to the findings of the inaugural BMO Housing Confidence Report, which shows most Canadians believe house prices in their region will climb about two per cent in 2013, but buyers in Vancouver are predicting a drop.

The survey says 72 per cent of homeowners would be impacted by a mild interest bump, while 16 per cent say a 10 per cent jump would have the potential to force them out of their homes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Cat bound with duct tape a second time

**Animal-cruelty investigation.**
It's the fourth recent cat-taping incident in the neighbourhood

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A cat in Nanaimo has been found duct-taped for the second time in what RCMP are calling a criminal case of animal cruelty.

The five-year-old shorthair tabby was found duct-taped for the first time on Oct. 1, when its owner discovered it in her daughter's bedroom at 2 a.m. trying to lick the tape off. The cat was clearly distressed and had last been seen outside the home at 11 the night before.

The owner managed to cut the tape off without hurting the cat.

Sometime overnight this past Sunday, the owner again found her cat taped up and in obvious distress. This time, not only were its paws and tail taped, but the tail was also bent over backwards and taped to her back, police say.

The owner, who lives on Chestnut Street, had to take the stressed-out feline to a veterinarian to be sedated so the tape could be removed.

It was the fourth cat-taping incident in the neighbourhood. The first two took place last month on a nearby street.

Mounties as well as the SPCA are investigating. Anyone with information is asked to call Nanaimo RCMP at 250-754-2345 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

This shorthair tabby in Nanaimo has twice been found with its paws and tail bound with tape. CONTRIBUTED/RCMP

## Defend Our Coast. More anti-pipeline rallies planned for Wednesday

Opponents of oil pipelines and tanker traffic plan another round of demonstrations in the province on Wednesday.

The protests are part of a day of action organized by Defend Our Coast, slated for more than 60 communities across British Columbia. Sit-ins or rallies are planned at MLA offices, including many on the Lower Mainland, Okanagan, southern Interior, northwest coast and in central and northeastern B.C.

Many of the events are scheduled to start at noon, but the demonstration in Prince George is planned for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, while protesters will gather outside Environment Minister Terry Lake's Kamloops constituency office at 3:30 p.m.

A regulatory body is holding hearings into a plan by Enbridge Inc. to build an 1,100-kilometre dual pipeline from Alberta to the B.C. coast, carrying bitumen for shipment overseas while pumping condensate back to Alberta.

Kinder Morgan Inc. has also applied to expand its pipeline, which moves oil from Alberta to the West Coast via the Trans Mountain network, crossing southern B.C. to a refinery and port in Burnaby. CKOR/CFTK

**Fire risk rated as low**

### Open burning allowed in Okanagan

The Kamloops Fire Centre has lifted all fire restrictions, meaning open fires are permitted across the entire Okanagan. Grass fires and burning barrels are now allowed throughout the province, though anyone considering a larger burn must comply with provincial regulations. After months of parched conditions, recent rains have made the risk of fire low. Only a few pockets of moderate fire risk remain in the south Okanagan.
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**Winter arrives early**

### Snow and mud cause mess in Fort St. John

An early dump of snow in Fort St. John is causing traffic problems.

More than 27 centimetres of snow fell on the northeastern B.C. city over three days. Usually the ground has frozen before the snow arrives, but that wasn't the case this year, which means trucks are getting mired in mud as they try to unload the shovelled snow at dumping sites.

As a result, snow removal has slowed down.
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# Yoga helps teen girls cope with high school strife

**Girlvana.** Yoga instructor says Amanda Todd's death underlines importance of giving teen girls coping tools

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Cooper Heibloem was bullied so badly in Grade 10 that she no longer felt safe at her North Vancouver high school.

She wasn't sure she would "make it" to the next year.

But her fortune changed with a yoga class at the alternative high school that she transferred to.

"Yoga made it really easy to focus on my work and to stay calm," said Heibloem, now 18 and in Grade 12.

Her experience is exactly why yoga instructor Alex Mazerolle founded Girlvana, an initiative to empower teen girls through yoga.

"When you're a teen you can feel so alone and like there's no way out," Mazerolle, 26, said.

"Yoga provides this connection to yourself, but you also feel connected to something bigger than you."

And with the tragic news of Amanda Todd, the 15-year-old Port Coquitlam girl who died by suicide this month after years of bullying, Mazerolle said it's crucial to equip girls with more tools to cope with the struggles of high school.

With a focus on respecting one's body and developing self-awareness, yoga is more than just a trendy activity or physical exercise, Mazerolle said.

She is no stranger to the tolls high school can take on self-esteem.

As a lifelong dancer, she struggled with bulimia and poor body image for years as she pushed her body to perform.

But when she started doing yoga at 21 years old, she finally found a way to develop confidence.

"I thought, 'Where was this when I was 14?'" she said. "I wish that I learned at an earlier age some practices of self-love and self-care."

Mazerolle founded Girlvana in February. She teaches at high schools, holds a monthly teen-girl yoga jam, provides mentorship online and held a five-day yoga retreat in August.

But she doesn't sugarcoat teen hardship or promise a quick fix — yoga won't solve all girls' problems, she said.

"Having a yoga practice, having a community of girls, it's just another outlet, a safe space to open up."

As for Heibloem, she said her relationship with Mazerolle has helped her and that the yoga retreat was "amazing."

Her life still isn't perfect ("I am a teenage girl, after all," she says), but she does feel more comfortable in her own skin.

The next Girlvana teen girl yoga jam takes place at the YYoga South Granville location on Nov. 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. It costs $10.

Girls practice yoga at the Girlvana yoga retreat led by Alex Mazerolle in August. CONTRIBUTED BY ALEX MAZEROLLE

# Red Cross, province to team up if natural disaster hits

Canadian Red Cross' John Byrne, left, and Kimberley Nemrava and Public Safety Minister Shirley Bond sign a formal agreement Tuesday ensuring the humanitarian agency is regularly involved in natural-disaster planning. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

British Columbians will be in "great hands" as the Red Cross plans to back up provincial emergency teams in the event of the Big One.

The B.C. government and the Canadian Red Cross Society signed an agreement Tuesday, which gives the agency a seat at the provincial table in planning for natural disasters.

"This agreement will see us collaborating on planning, training, and joint exercises critical in the event of a natural disaster," Public Safety Minister Shirley Bond said.

"Our ability to move from reaction and response to resilience and recovery can make the difference between disaster management and tragedy."

The agreement also ensures that national or international Red Cross emergency-response units (ERUs), which have trained personnel and equipment that can be deployed to emergencies within 24 to 48 hours, will be at the province's disposal if a major disaster hits the West Coast.

"Local authorities can become overwhelmed in their response efforts," said John Byrne, Canadian Red Cross' national director general for disaster management.

"As part of a global humanitarian movement, the Canadian Red Cross can act as a portal to bring in specialized emergency response units through our international network," Byrne added.

When the Canadian Red Cross cannot respond to the emergency alone, he added, the agency can call on the International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies to activate the ERU system.

"I say to all British Columbians, you're in great hands here," Byrne said.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Politics

## B.C. Conservatives back pipeline proposal

B.C. Conservative Leader John Cummins reaffirmed his party's support for Enbridge's proposed Northern Gateway project.

Cummins, who spoke at a luncheon in Vancouver Tuesday, said the pipeline's possible economic benefits far outweigh environmental concerns.

He said the project "should proceed as quickly as possible" as it delivers capital investment and new high-wage jobs in B.C.

Cummins also said he would welcome a chance to meet with Enbridge officials to discuss the project. YUI SAKIKAWA/FOR METRO

Police

## RCMP safety blitz on B.C. highways nabs drug runners

Mounties conducting a road-safety blitz on two northern B.C. highways last week found more than just a few seatbelt violations — they also made several big drug busts.

The traffic stops along Highways 5 and 16 were aimed at making sure people were buckled up and commercial vehicles were in good repair. But officers also discovered five kilograms of marijuana concealed in the pontoons of an inflatable fishing boat, leading to drug charges against a 32-year-old man from Williams Lake.

On another stop, police found 11 kilos of marijuana in a large hockey bag.

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Ferry

## Fire forces B.C. ferry out of service

A fire in a piece of engine equipment has forced a B.C. ferry out of service for the rest of the day.

B.C. Ferries spokeswoman Deborah Marshall says the fire occurred in a bow thruster compartment of the Queen of New Westminster during a sailing between Tsawwassen and Duke Point Tuesday morning.

She says the fire was quickly put out and the vessel returned to dock.

Marshall says two crew members suffered smoke inhalation but no passengers were injured. The Queen of New Westminster — which was built in 1964 — has been removed from service for the remainder of the day and an investigation has been launched. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Terror plan accusations.
# Sharp blades on a truck would cut down crowd

Three British Muslim men accused of plotting a mass casualty bomb attack were secretly recorded discussing plans to strap sharp blades to the front of a truck and drive it into a crowd, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

Brian Altman said suspect Irfan Khalid, 27, was heard describing the device — featured in the al-Qaida magazine Inspire — and saying the idea was to "just drive it into people in (a) crowded area."

"Yeah and do what AQ (al-Qaida) said, put that blades at the front of it and trample on everyone," he was recorded saying.

Khalid, 27-year-old Ashik Al and Irfan Naseer, 31, are accused of plotting to set off multiple bombs, either on timers or in suicide strikes, in a bid to launch an attack bigger than the 2005 London transit bombings, which killed 52 people.

Prosecutors say they were the senior members of a home-grown terror cell inspired by the anti-western sermons of U.S.-born Islamist cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, who was killed in Yemen in September 2011.

The suspects were among 12 people arrested in September 2011 in counter-terrorism raids in Birmingham, central England.

The three have pleaded not guilty to charges of preparing for terrorism. The other suspects have pleaded guilty or face trial later.

Prosecutors say timings and targets for the plot had not been finalized. But Altman told a jury at a London court that the men had conversations suggesting they planned to die during a terrorist attack this summer.

He said the trio were recorded last year discussing the need for their car to get a new tax certificate by June or July.

Khalid said "We're dead by then" and "We're probably out of here by next June, brother." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Muslims vs. Buddhists

### Alleged rape sparks clashes

New clashes between Muslims and Buddhists have broken out in volatile western Myanmar.

The violence left at least two people dead and more than 1,000 homes burned to the ground, authorities said Tuesday.

The unrest is some of the worst reported between Rohingya Muslims and ethnic Rakhine Buddhists since skirmishes swept the region in June.

Violence flared after the alleged rape and murder of a Buddhist woman by three Muslim men in May.

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Romania conviction

### Top cleric was police informant

Romania's highest court has upheld the conviction of a top Orthodox cleric accused of secretly serving as an informant for the country's communist-era Securitate police.

The 83-year-old Archbishop Pimen was found guilty by a government council of serving as an informant sent by the church and the Securitate to spy on fellow clergy and members of Romania's expatriate community in the United States in the 1970s.

The conviction carries no penalty.

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Heading in different directions politically: U.S. President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney walk past each other onstage after Monday's presidential debate. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Now Romney's a centrist? Obama says it's 'Romnesia'

**After the debate.** Hard-hitting U.S. president accuses the normally hawkish Republican of shifting his positions

U.S. President Barack Obama has come out swinging — again.

The morning after the last televised presidential debate — in which critics say he gave a hard-hitting performance — he accused his Republican challenger Mitt Romney of shifting his positions.

He even joked that Romney was suffering from "Stage Three Romnesia."

"We are accustomed to seeing politicians change their position from four years ago," Obama told a Florida rally Tuesday. "We are not accustomed to seeing politicians change their positions from four days ago."

Romney presented a more centrist approach to foreign policy during the Monday-night debate.

But the Obama campaign said the Republican's performance showed he is willing to shift from or lose his more conservative positions to satisfy his more mainstream constituents.

The two are neck-and-neck in the race for the White House as they enter the two-week home stretch before Election Day.

During Monday night's debate, Romney largely expressed agreement with how Obama has conducted U.S. foreign policy.

On the violence in Syria, for example, Romney said he would not get the United States involved militarily, even though he wants to find a way to arm the opposition.

He dramatically shifted his position and agreed with Obama that all U.S. forces should be out of Afghanistan by the end of 2014.

Romney previously had criticized Obama for setting such a date for withdrawal, saying he was giving the Taliban insurgency and its al-Qaida allies a date after which the militants could begin a drive to retake the country.

Romney even congratulated Obama "on taking out Osama bin Laden and taking on the leadership of al-Qaida."

But he added: "We can't kill our way out of this mess. ... We must have a comprehensive and robust strategy."

The most compelling issue in Monday's debate was how to deal with Iran's alleged drive to build a nuclear weapon.

Both candidates underscored their support for Israel against a threat from Iran.

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**"I will stand with Israel if Israel is attacked."**

U.S. President Barack Obama, speaking out during the Monday presidential debate.

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## *It's the economy, stupid*

With the final debate behind them, the economy ruled the day for the two White House contenders Tuesday.

U.S. President Barack Obama brandished a new 20-page summary of his second-term agenda and told a campaign crowd in Florida that challenger Mitt Romney's blueprint "doesn't really create jobs. His deficit plan doesn't reduce the deficit; it adds to it."

Later Tuesday, the president joined Vice-President Joe Biden in what is likely to be the most crucial battleground state of all, Ohio. In Dayton, Obama said of Romney: "He's doing everything he can to hide his true positions.

"He is terrific at making presentations about stuff he thinks is wrong with America, but he sure can't give you an answer about what will make it right."

Romney and running mate Paul Ryan's schedule reflected the strategy of driving up Republican votes in areas such as the Denver suburbs and Cincinnati.

In Nevada, Romney told a cheering crowd that Obama wants a new term for the same policies that have produced slow economic growth and high unemployment for four long years.

"He is a status quo candidacy ... That's why his campaign is slipping and ours is gaining so much steam," he said.

Romney's aides dismissed Obama's 20-page booklet as nothing new, and the former Massachusetts governor said of the president, "His vision for the future is a repeat of the past." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Faith

## Winnipeg's police chief says prayer could cut crime

The new police chief in Manitoba's capital isn't officially on the job yet, but already he has stirred up controversy by saying religion could help cut the city's notoriously high crime rate.

Devon Clunis recently told a Christian newspaper that prayer could play a "significant role" in making Winnipeg's streets safer.

"What would happen if we all just truly — I'm talking about all religious stripes here — started praying for the peace of this city and then actually started putting some action behind that?" Christian Week quoted Clunis as saying.

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Record-setter

## Baumgartner offers to teach UN chief how to skydive

Supersonic skydiver Felix Baumgartner wants to teach UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon how to skydive.

Baumgartner made the offer Tuesday during a photo opportunity where the UN chief spoke admiringly of Baumgartner's death-defying leap last week from a balloon 39 kilometres above the Earth, breaking the sound barrier and setting a world record.

When Ban said that he had never skydived, the Austrian offered up his services.

"Here's your chance, I'll teach you to skydive," Baumgartner said.

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Beach attack

## Surfer killed by shark: California authorities

A shark killed a surfer Tuesday off a beach at coastal Vandenberg Air Force Base following a summer of shark sightings along California's Central Coast, authorities said.

Francisco Javier Solorio Jr., 39, died in the attack off the coast of Surf Beach in Lompoc, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department said in a statement.

He was bitten in his upper torso.

Solorio "had a friend who he was surfing with who saw the shark bite or hit the man," said sheriff's Sgt. Mark A. Williams.

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# State: Shoddy sterilization at pharmacy

**Deadly meningitis outbreak.** Unclean conditions at pharmacy tied to meningitis, says Mass. government

State officials in Massachusetts investigating a pharmacy linked to a deadly outbreak of meningitis said Tuesday they found shoddy sterilization practices and unclean conditions there, including debris-covered floor mats and standing water from a leaking boiler.

State officials also said the New England Compounding Center shipped steroids from the possibly contaminated batches suspected in the outbreak before it received its own test results confirming the drugs were sterile.

Gov. Deval Patrick said he's ordered state pharmacy regulators to conduct surprise inspections — the first of which happened Tuesday — at companies similar to the NECC and take other steps to tighten oversight. The state also has moved to revoke the company's operating licence and the licences of its top three pharmacists.

"Those whose laboratory practices caused this outbreak should never practise pharmacy or manufacture in Massachusetts again," Patrick said.

The outbreak of fungal meningitis, an inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord, has sickened 308 people, including 23 who have died, in 17 states. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Animal-rights protesters fight for rights

**Animal-rights protesters dressed as hunters "beat" a fellow protester dressed as a fox, as they stage a play for the benefit of the media outside police headquarters in central London on Tuesday. The protest was organized in the lead-up to the police commissioner elections and organizers said they hoped to provoke debate around how police funding is currently spent. The organization says it fears that police will turn a blind eye to wildlife crime, while surveying and intimidating animal-rights, environmental and peace activists.** LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Weighty issues. Execution table can support obese inmate, warden says

The warden of the prison where Ohio puts inmates to death says the state's execution table can easily hold a 400-pound (181-kilogram) condemned inmate who has argued he is so big it might collapse.

The table was tested by placing an equally heavy prison employee on it and by placing weights on it.

"The execution table held firmly and showed no signs of instability," Donald Morgan, warden at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, said in a court filing late Monday opposing inmate Ronald Post's request to be spared.

Post's attorneys said last month he weighs 480 pounds, while the state says Post weighed 396 pounds last week.

Post, 53, is scheduled to die Jan. 16 for the 1983 shooting death of Helen Vantz.

Vantz's son, Bill Vantz, has called Post's arguments "laughable."

**This undated file photo shows death-row inmate Ronald Post, 53.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Post argues his weight, vein access, scar tissue, depression and other medical problems raise the likelihood his executioners would encounter severe problems.

"Indeed, given his unique physical and medical condition, there is a substantial risk that any attempt to execute him will result in serious physical and psychological pain," a court filing said last month.

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## Shock. Brazilian man appears very much alive at his own funeral

A 41-year-old car washer shocked his family when he interrupted a funeral being held for him at his mother's home in the town of Alagoinhas in northeastern Brazil, police said Tuesday.

Police Insp. Roberto Lima said by telephone that on Sunday Jose Marcos Araujo identified a body at the city morgue as being that of his brother, Gilberto.

Lima said that Jose Marcos took the body to his mother's home where a wake was held.

"The confusion started when news started circulating that a car washer had been shot dead," Jose Marcos' wife, Ana Paula, told the UOL Internet news portal. "Police called my husband and told him that his brother had been killed and his body was at the morgue."

Lima said the confusion was "understandable."

"The two men closely resembled each other and both worked as car washers," Lima said adding that the man whose body was in the morgue was named Genivaldo Santos Gama. He said further information on Gama was not immediately available.

A few hours before the Monday burial "a friend of Gilberto's saw him walking down the street and told him that his family was mourning him," he said.

"So he went to his mother's home to let everyone know he was very much alive." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**"Some people fainted and others were so scared they ran away."**

**Maria Menezes. family friend,** recounting to the G1 online news site the reaction when a man showed up at his own funeral.

## Flying. Mom guilty of disorderly conduct for berating TSA officers

A woman was found guilty Tuesday of disorderly conduct for berating security officers trying to pat down her teenage daughter and then refusing to submit to the procedure herself at a Tennessee airport.

Jurors deliberated four hours before convicting Andrea Abbott. She had faced up to 30 days in jail and a $50 fine for her conduct in the July 2011 confrontation at Nashville International Airport, but the judge placed her on probation for a year because she has no criminal record.

Judge Joe P. Binkley Jr., warned the 42-year-old "to be certain you don't get into any further problems with the law."

Abbott didn't talk to reporters outside the courtroom. Her defence attorney, Brent Horst, said she was disappointed in the verdict, but felt she got a fair trial. "She just wanted to stand on principle, because she felt that she had done nothing wrong," said Horst, who handled the case pro bono. "And I admire her for that."

Abbott testified during the first day of the trial on Monday that she was not unruly but did yell at officers. She said she was "irritated, but not arguing." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Civil liberties**

**The case drew international attention.**

- **Screening.** Hundreds offered Abbott support and donations amid debate over whether new, intrusive screening methods should be allowed at airports.
- **Freedom.** "Since 9-11, we're losing a lot of freedom," Abbott's lawyer said in closing arguments.

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# Syria: It's a matter of life and death

**Aleppo under siege.** Survival instincts are being stretched to the limit as rebels and Bashar Assad's regime clash and battle for Syria's largest city

The rumble of engines in the sky immediately set the Aleppo neighbourhood below on edge. Men peeked from shops anxiously at the Syrian warplane circling slowly overhead. Housewives emerged on balconies to gauge whether they were about to be hit. But the kids hanging out on the street were unfazed. One kept dribbling his basketball.

Finally, the jet struck. Engines revving louder, it dove and unleashed a burst of heavy machine-gun fire into a nearby part of the city. It soared back up under a hail of rebel anti-aircraft fire, then swooped back down for a second strafing run.

The women on the balconies broke into tears, fearing for the children in the street. But the boys just pointed at the jet, shouting "God is great" in challenge. "God send you to hell, Bashar," one boy yelled as the jet flew away.

With death lurking around every corner, the survival instincts of Aleppo's population are tested every day as the battle between Syria's rebels and the regime of President Bashar Assad for the country's largest city stretches through its fourth destructive month.

Residents in the rebel-held neighbourhoods suffering the war's brunt tell tales of lives filled with fear over the war in their streets, along with an ingenuity and resilience in trying to keep their shattered families going.

And while residents of the rebel-held areas express their hatred of Assad's regime and their dream of seeing him go, they also voice their worries over the rebels and the destruction that their offensive has brought to their city. Graffiti on the shutter of a closed store declares the population's sense of resignation: "God, you are all we've got."

Since the rebels launched their assault in July to drive government forces from Aleppo, the two sides have fought to a stalemate. Each holds about half the city of 3 million people and neither is able to deal the other a decisive blow.

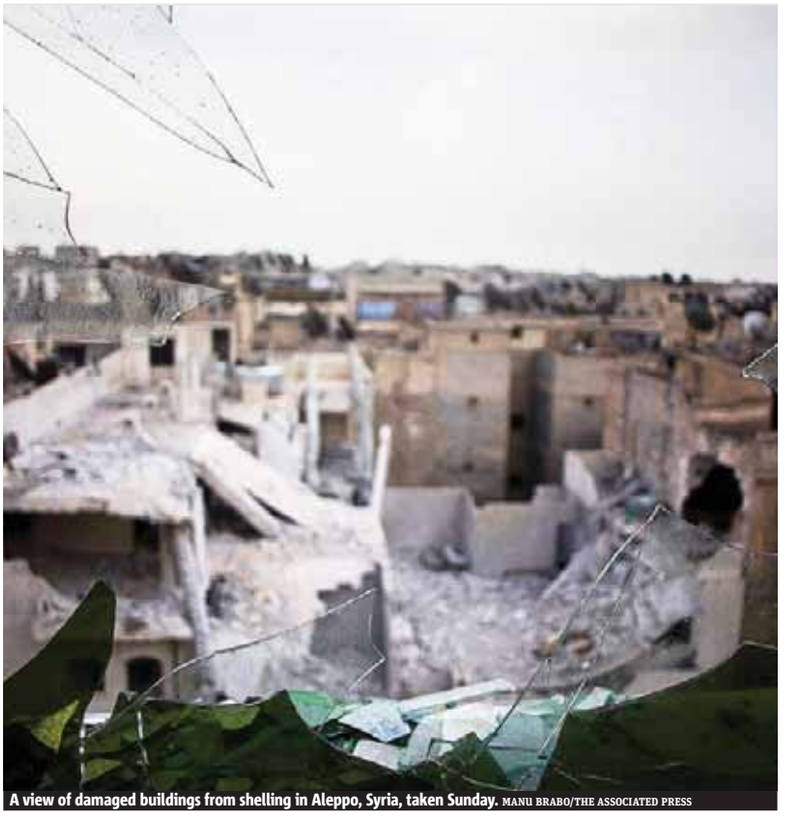
While government-held areas have seen some fighting from occasional rebel forays, the opposition districts are hit daily by artillery, mortars, sniper fire and airstrikes.

Hundreds of civilians have been randomly killed by shells or mortars while waiting in bread lines, shopping for food or in their homes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Quoted**

**"I don't support the regime, but I am crying rivers of blood for my country."**

**Local agricultural engineer Abdul-Jalil**
On how he describes what he calls the unruliness of the rebels. He said rebels had forced him from his home to use as a base — and that they had done the same to others. He now lives elsewhere with his in-laws.



A view of damaged buildings from shelling in Aleppo, Syria, taken Sunday. MANU BRABO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Insurgent attack. Afghan troops killed in ambush

An Afghan National Civil Order policeman searches a man in Marjah, Afghanistan, Sunday. ANJA NIEDRINGHAUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taliban insurgents killed 10 Afghan troops in an ambush in western Herat province, police and government officials said Tuesday.

A spokesman for the provincial governor, Muhiudin Noori, said the Afghan troops (which included both soldiers and police) were searching late Monday for a group of insurgents who had earlier set up a roadblock, stopping and seizing passing vehicles, when they were ambushed.

Five policemen, including the district commander and five soldiers, died in the ensuing firefight, Noori said. There were no insurgent casualties, but police later arrested 25 suspects found in the area, he said.

Also Tuesday, an American service member was killed in an insurgent attack in the east, the U.S. military said in a statement. It did not provide further details about the attack. The latest death makes at least 12 American service members killed so far this month and 265 killed so far this year.

The Herat ambush was the bloodiest single incident for Afghan security forces this year in western Afghanistan, an area where the insurgents have been less active than in their strongholds in the east and west.

In recent months, Taliban guerrillas have been switching tactics and increasingly targeting Afghan security forces as the international coalition continues its drawdown toward a planned withdrawal of the majority of combat troops in 2014.

Meanwhile, President Hamid Karzai condemned "in the strongest possible terms" a NATO raid on Sunday in Logar province in which he said four children were killed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**Egypt**

## Bitter struggle over amending constitution

An Egyptian court on Tuesday asked the country's highest tribunal to rule on whether to disband the body tasked with writing a new constitution. The delay in a ruling is a possible blow to liberals, since it could give Islamists time to finish drafting the contested document. It's the latest twist in a struggle between the Islamists and their secular rivals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Gaza Strip**

## Landmark trip for emir of Qatar

The emir of Qatar became the first head of state to visit the Gaza Strip since Hamas militants seized the territory five years ago, showering almost half a billion dollars and unprecedented political recognition on the Islamic militant group.

The Tuesday visit highlighted the tumultuous changes that have swept the region during the Arab Spring events over the past two years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Double life**

## Informant tell-all

A paid informant for the NYPD's intelligence unit was under orders to "bait" Muslims into saying inflammatory things as he lived a double life, snapping pictures inside mosques and collecting the names of innocent people attending study groups. The 19-year-old American of Bangladeshi descent, who has now denounced his work as an informant, said it involved creating a conversation about jihad or terrorism and sending it to the NYPD. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Public interest prevails

## Correctional Service tries to prevent release of cell-death video

Federal prison authorities are going to court to try to stop the release of a jailhouse video of a teen who died in her cell.

Their announcement came just after the coroner refused to put a publication ban on the videos of Ashley Smith.

Prison authorities wanted the videos of a dying Smith kept from public view. But coroner Dr. John Carlisle said the public's right to know was too important.

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Annual report

## Self-harm by prisoners rising

The federal correctional investigator says the number of prisoners harming themselves in federal penitentiaries has almost tripled in the last five years.

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Liberal party

## McGuinty won't run for federal leadership

Outgoing Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty won't be challenging Justin Trudeau for the federal Liberal leadership.

The premier has decided to look for challenges outside politics.

"I've talked it over with family and supporters and I've decided not to run," said McGuinty.

Some of his closest advisers had put together a campaign team that would have been ready to go this week.

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Auditor General

## Feds slow in cyber-attack prep: AG

The feds have been slow to boot up an effective response to the rapidly growing threat of cyber-attacks on crucial systems, says the auditor general, Michael Ferguson. They've made only limited progress. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Harper backbencher gives Jubilee medals to abortion foes

**Controversial decision.** Activists jailed repeatedly for aggressive actions called 'heroines of humanity' by MP

Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott, who gave Diamond Jubilee medals to two anti-abortion activists who have been jailed repeatedly, calls them "heroines of humanity."

Vellacott gave one of his 30 allotted medals to Mary Wagner, whose aggressive actions "counselling" women at abortion clinics have repeatedly landed her behind bars.

The Saskatchewan MP also gave one to Linda Gibbons, another longtime pro-life advocate and frequent convict on mischief charges.

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Saskatchewan Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott is shown in the House of Commons in May 2006. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Well-being.**

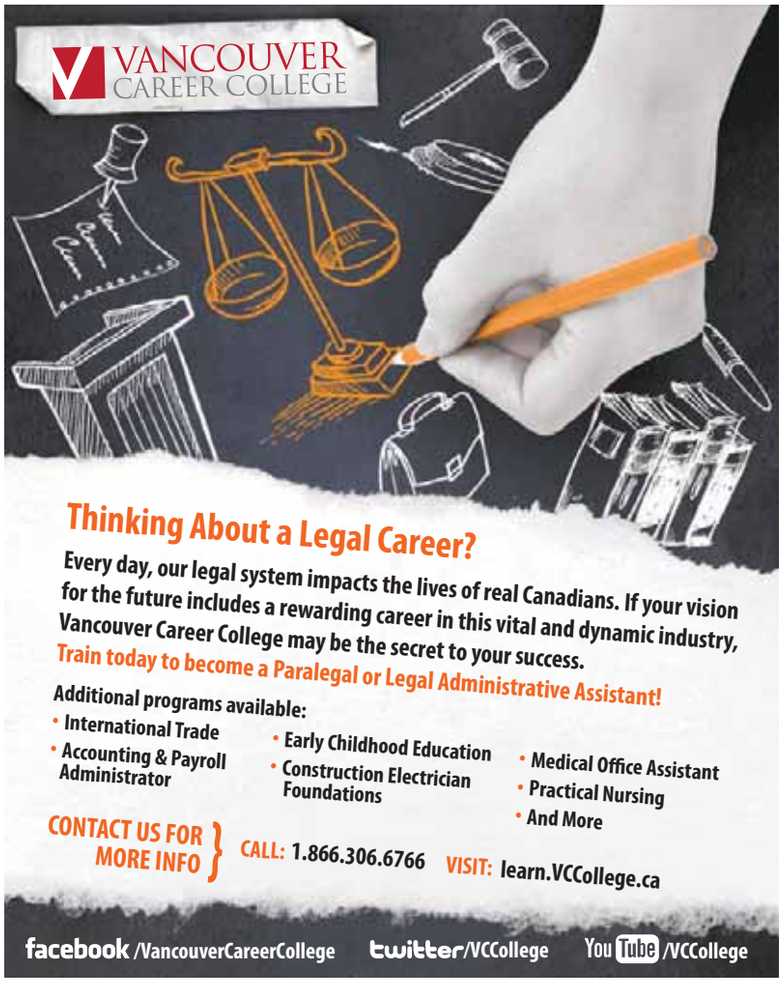
# Economy OK, but Canadians not so much

Canada's economy may well be muddling through, but on a more personal level, Canadians generally are not, a new study of well-being suggests.

The Canadian Well-being Index, led by researchers at the University of Waterloo, shows that quality of life in Canada deteriorated by 24 per cent between the onset of recession in 2008 and 2010.

Canada's main economic indicator, gross domestic product, only declined by about 8.3 per cent over the same period and began to make a turnaround by the end of 2010.

"When Canada's economy was thriving, Canadians only saw modest improvements in their overall quality of life," said Roy Romanow, co-chair of the index's advisory board. "But when the economy faltered, our well-being took a disproportionate step backward." THE CANADIAN PRESS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# Retail sales edge up slightly in August

**StatsCan figures.**
Regionally, B.C. was weak spot, with total falling 0.9% due to housing sales slump

Department store sales edged up just 0.2 per cent in August while those at miscellaneous retailers declined for a second month in a row, falling 3.1 per cent, Statistics Canada reported Tuesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Retail sales in Canada rose 0.3 per cent to $39.1 billion in August, Statistic Canada reported Tuesday, disappointing economists even though the numbers met consensus forecasts.

"Digging beneath the surface, the impact on GDP looks disappointing, as in real terms, sales volumes were down 0.3 per cent, with all of the rise in nominal sales therefore attributable to inflation, including a 2.9 per cent rise in gas station sales," Avery Shenfeld, CIBC World Markets chief economist, wrote in a commentary.

"Sales were otherwise mixed across sectors, with gains in general merchandise but a drop in clothing, health and autos," Shenfeld said.

Statistic Canada said sales at general merchandise stores increased for a second consecutive month, up 0.6 per cent.

However, department store sales edged up just 0.2 per cent while those at miscellaneous retailers declined for a second month in a row, falling 3.1 per cent.

Robert Kavcic, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, also noted that "underlying spending, excluding autos and gas, was somewhat disappointing, falling 0.1 per cent and continuing the choppy performance seen in recent months."

Sales at furniture and building products stores, down 0.1 and 0.4 per cent respectively, were consistent with softening housing market trends, Kavcic added.

Regionally, British Columbia was the weak spot in August, with retail sales falling 0.9 per cent amid declines in housing-related sectors, Kavcic said, noting that the housing sales slump hit B.C. province the hardest.

The Prairies and Ontario were strong spots, with Alberta and Saskatchewan in particular continuing to show the strongest consumer spending trends in the country, with retail sales growth running at 8.1 and 9.3 per cent respectively year over year.

Both provinces are fuelled by healthy labour markets and strong population growth, he said.

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Interest rates

## BoC's benchmark rate held at 1%

The Bank of Canada kept its trendsetting policy interest rate at one per cent for the 17th consecutive time Tuesday, but signalled that it's worried about household debt and may need to hike rates if the problem worsens.

The stand-pat decision on the policy rate was widely expected, but economists had been looking for softer language on the warning that the next move will be to hike interest rates due to weakness in the global economy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Employee drug-testing

## Court turns down Suncor challenge

Suncor Energy has lost another legal round in its plan to randomly test thousands of unionized oilsands workers in Alberta for drugs and alcohol. But the court battle pitting work-site safety against individual privacy rights isn't over.

Earlier this month, the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers union Local 707 won an injunction against a testing policy that was implemented during the summer. A judge ordered the matter be settled through arbitration.

An Alberta Court of Appeal judge ruled Tuesday against a Suncor application for a stay of the injunction. Suncor said it will continue the fight to keep its work sites safe.

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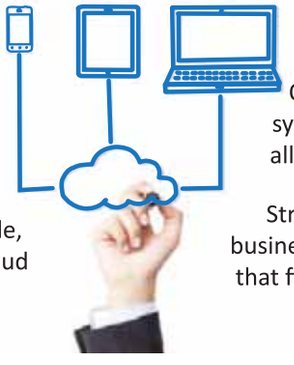

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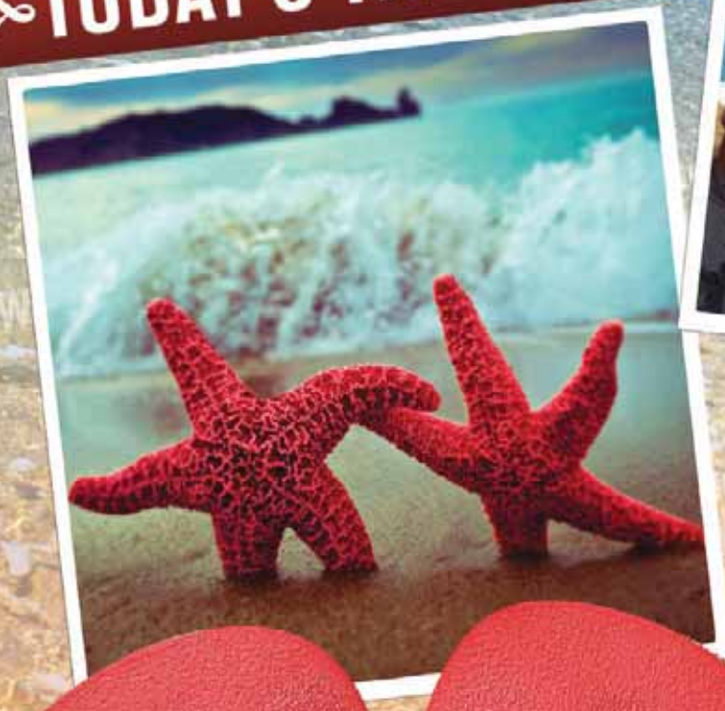

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# iPad Mini priced well above rivals

**Orders start Friday.** New tablet 'is not just a shrunken down iPad,' senior Apple exec says

Apple introduced a smaller iPad on Tuesday as expected, and updated its full-sized one. It also unveiled new Mac computers, including a 13.3-inch version of a MacBook Pro with sharper, "Retina" display.

With a screen measuring 7.9 inches on the diagonal, the iPad Mini is about two-thirds the size of the regular iPad. "You can hold it in one hand," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice-president for worldwide marketing. "It's not just a shrunken down iPad. It's an entirely new design."

The iPad Mini starts at $329 US, which makes it more expensive than rival, seven-inch products — Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Fire starts at $159 US, and Google Inc.'s Nexus 7 at $199 US.

Advance orders for the iPad Mini and the new full-sized iPad will begin Friday, and the products will be available Nov. 2. Two weeks later, a version capable of using cellular networks will go on sale. That's a feature the cheaper, seven-inch tablets don't have.

The new full-sized iPad is an update to the third-generation device that went on sale in March. It has a sharper screen and promises a faster processing chip and faster wireless Wi-Fi connectivity. Prices start at $499 US.

- A new thinner and lighter version of the 13.3-inch MacBook Pro, with a sharper display, will start at $1,699 US.
- New iMac computers feature what looks like a super-thin display screen — but Schiller noted "there is an entire computer in here."
- A new Mac Mini starts at $599 US and comes with four gigabytes of RAM.

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The iPad Mini, shown in San Jose, Calif., on Tuesday, has a screen about two-thirds as large as the full-sized model.
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## Quick-touch payments. Tim Hortons rolls out Interac Flash

Tim Hortons has joined other Canadian retailers in adding Interac Flash cards to the number of ways customers can make cashless payments at the counter.

The restaurant chain expects more than 2,300 locations across the country to be accepting the wireless touch cards by the end of October.

Rather than adding to a credit card balance, the Interac cards draw down the funds from the customer's bank account. THE CANADIAN PRESS

You may soon be able to get your caffeine fix a little bit faster.
TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE/FILE

## London. Conrad Black calls BBC interviewer 'British fool'

Former media magnate Conrad Black has suggested in a pair of eyebrow-raising British TV interviews that he could resume his seat in the House of Lords.

In one interview, Black termed a BBC host a fool and talked about "being able to endure a discussion like this without getting up and smashing your face in." In another, he told a Sky News interviewer Tuesday to "stop being a jackass."

During his first appearance, Black told BBC Two's Newsnight on Monday that the U.S. charges that sent him to prison for close to three years were "rubbish" and that he had been "persecuted half to death."

Black, who returned to his Toronto home this year after being released from a Florida prison, spoke critically of the U.S. justice system during the interview, describing the American prosecution of him as "a smear job from A to Z."

But the chat with Newsnight's Jeremy Paxman became heated when the host referred to Black as a convicted criminal and Black responded by calling Paxman a "priggish, gullible, British fool."

Despite the prickly interviews, Black is scheduled to appear on the BBC One comedy show Have I Got News for You on Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Beef recall

## Federal food-safety watchdog allows plant to reopen

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency restored the operating licence Tuesday for a southern Alberta meat-packing plant at the centre of a massive recall of tainted beef, and also launched a review of the E. coli crisis that sickened at least 16 people.

Production at the plant will ramp up gradually as inspectors scrutinize the work on the facility floor. Union officials say employees are being summoned for training and say production could resume on Monday.

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Figure it out. The average life span lasts about 29,000 days. Might sound like a lot, but that's all you get.

So why would you spend a single one at a Star Trek convention?

The original Star Trek's Captain Kirk, William Shatner, had a lucid moment a few years back when he wondered the same thing.

**Kingdom Klingon**

**They're so obsessive that the big event of the two-day fest, which ended Sunday, consisted of setting the record for the largest gathering of people dressed in Star-Trek-themed costume.**

"I didn't want anything to do with a group of obsessives who paid to get together to talk incessantly about a TV show that had been cancelled. It wasn't logical."

That was then. Apparently in his dotage these days, he made the trek to London, England, this past weekend in order to revel in the adoration of the obsessives.

How obsessive are they? They're so obsessive that the big event of the two-day fest, which ended Sunday, consisted of setting the record for the largest gathering of people dressed in Star-Trek-themed costume. The previous record of 1,040 nerds in a room was beat, as 1,083 Klingons, Vulcans and Ferengi came together to … come together.

One couple really came together, exchanging vows as Klingons, the war-like aliens immortalized by Worf in Star Trek: The Next Generation. They spent their honeymoon at the convention, natch. I can't help but wonder what happens the first time Jossie tries to bite Sonnie (they're both Swedish in real life) on the neck (how a Klingon indicates he or she is interested in sex), and Sonnie says "Not tonight dear, jIwuQ (I have a headache)." The fur will fly, no doubt.

Not only did trekkers (the politically correct version of "trekkie") waste two of their 29,000 days to pine for a program that went out of production on May 13, 2005, they spent as much as 3,000 British pounds on a ticket.

To be fair, the damn thing is tougher to kill than a Romulan battle cruiser. J.J. Abrams directs the next movie, which documents the further adventures of a reinvented Captain Kirk, set to open on May 17, 2013, eight years later, almost to the day the series died.

How's that for symmetry? Symmetry is very important when you're a trekkERRRR.

If this keeps up, Star Trek will eventually catch up to its fictional "real time," sometime in the 23rd century. In fact, I'm surprised this has never been a Star Trek episode, as it's right up their alley.

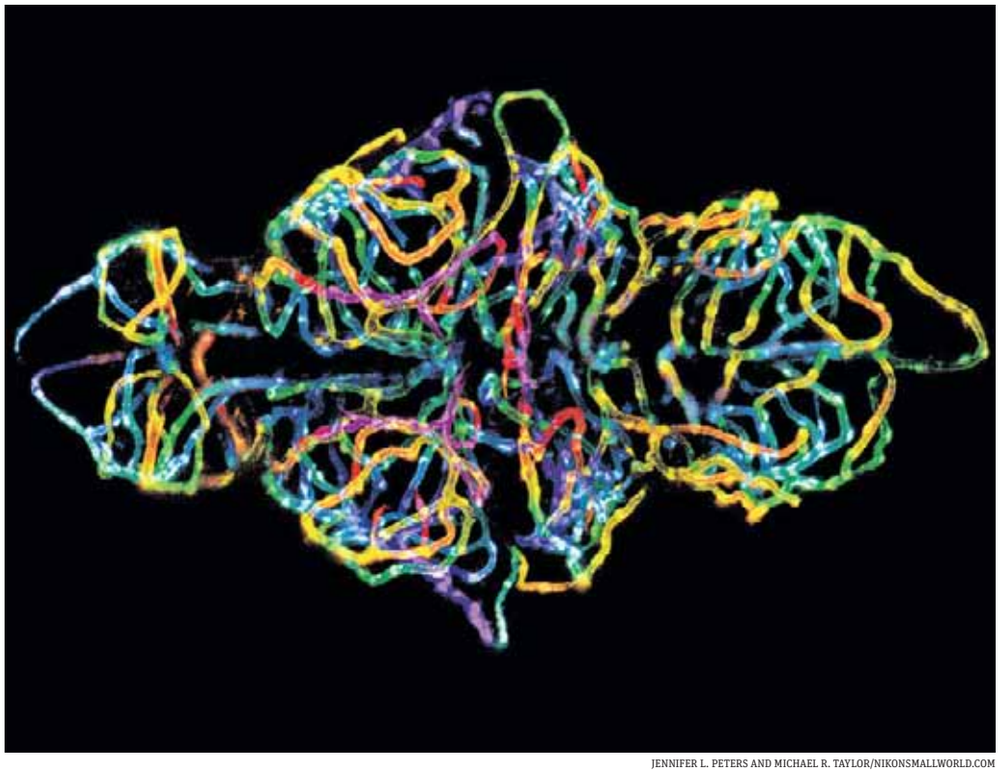
Full disclosure: I used to be a fan, but bailed when the show jumped the shark somewhere between Deep Space Nine and Voyager. But I'd like to think I never thought of Scott Bakula (Star Trek captain #5) as "legendary" or the kiss between Captain Kirk and Lieutenant Uhura as a milestone in U.S. race relations.

Yes, all the various Star Treks won 31 Emmys. But Frasier won 37 all by itself, and they don't have a Frasier convention every year with 1,000 Jack Russell terriers called Eddie.

At least not yet.

**Jossie Sockertopp and Sonnie Gustavsson tie the knot in a Klingon wedding ceremony last weekend in London, England.** OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES

# This photo is a little fishy



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**Photomicrography**

## Fish brain lights up to win contest

A first-ever picture of the blood brain barrier in a live animal has won this year's Nikon Small World Competition, which recognizes excellence in photography taken through a microscope.

The blood brain barrier in a live zebra fish embryo was made by Jennifer Peters and Michael Taylor at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. METRO

**Q & A**

## *This is a photo first*

**Can you describe the photo?**
This image is of blood vessels from the brain of a live zebra fish larva. Using a fluorescent protein, we labelled the vessels that make up the blood brain barrier. As the colour changes from red to yellow to green to blue, the vessels are going deeper into the brain.

**How is this image important in science and art?**
This is the first time the entire blood brain barrier has been imaged in a live animal. I believe that new models of the blood brain barrier, such as the zebra fish shown in our image, may lead to new treatments for central nervous system diseases that disrupt the BBB: neurodegenerative disorders, brain tumours and strokes, to name a few.

Esthetically, it's absolutely stunning.

MICHAEL TAYLOR
Biology researcher

**Science explained**

## What's a blood brain barrier?

This defensive barrier is a group of cells that let nutrients and other necessities move between blood vessels and the central nervous system, while keeping bacteria out of the brain's region. METRO

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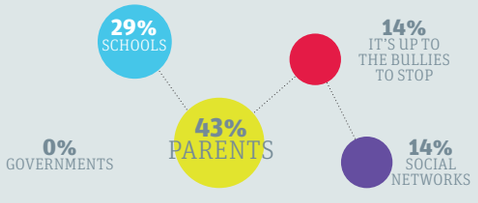


**Twitter**

**@MayorWatts:** "@cityofcoquitlam @CityofSurrey reminds you to keep your halloween candy out of reach of pets, chocolate can make your pets very ill!"

**@kennedystewart:** Did a member just make reference to Game of Thrones during his statement in the House? Though personally I'm more of a Lord of the Rings guy

**@tylergreen1040:** #WhitecapsFC Jay DeMerit, "we've had 7 guys show up for this match, another 7 the next... We haven't had all 11 show up together"

**@DonDavies:** Intro'd bill to create nat'l mandat'y recycling pgm for electronic waste; idea of 2 students from Windermere Sec'y who I flew here to watch!

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SCENE 2

# ‘I was James Bond’

**London.** Reporter plays 007 for a day, scaling an arena, drinking martinis and scoring a Bond girl

ANTHONY JOHNSTON
Metro World News

Licence to Thrill: Anthony Johnston, a.k.a. James Bond, in front of the iconic O2 Arena in London. Inset, Anthony as Daniel Craig taking care of an adversary. NICK CUNARD

As a copy editor, I’m a stickler for, well, everything: words, grammar, facts … and movie trivia. I know a thing or two about James Bond (his dad was Scottish and he has a drink every 24.3 minutes, for example) but I never pictured myself as 007.

In fact, no one has pictured me as 007. At six-foot-six and close to 275 pounds — counting my bushy beard and hair — I am closer to Jaws in stature and have as much experience with firearms as Moneypenny (none). Despite all this, I took up the mission of Be Bond for a Day to see if I could masquerade as a secret agent.

## Cut and shave à la Bond

To be Bond, you have to look the part. So that means a respectable tuxedo — Moss Bros. of King Street, Covent Garden fixed me up — and an all-out makeover. At traditional barbers Murdock London (Liberty department store, Great Marlborough Street, London), they specialize in slick side-parting styles and wet shaves with cut-throat razors.

Prepared, I whip out a photo of Sean Connery in Dr. No — it’s the look I want. My barber Alex Glover applies lashings of exfoliating creams and several hot towels to my face before diving into the mossy bush on my cheeks and atop my head.

The result is pure, pomaded Sean. I am now ready to climb a building.

## Johnston, Anthony

In The World is Not Enough, 007 lands atop London’s O2 arena after falling from an exploding hot-air balloon. Forgetting to bring my exploding hot air balloon, I sign up for the site’s latest attraction Up at The O2, a 190-metre open walkway that stretches over the roof.

Attached to a harness, visitors scale the tensile fabric path, which at its steepest has an incline of 30 degrees, and finally rest at the observation deck — 52 meters above ground level. (The equivalent of 27 Sean Connerys and one Nick Nack, stacked up tall.)

Vertigo nearly kicks in. But if you’re like Bond and walk with purpose — as fast as you can — at the top you’re rewarded with the spectacular skyline of London’s Canary Wharf financial district.

You’ll also have a good view of your fellow climbers, some of them, ahem, Bond girls.

Despite my tux, they were reluctant to pose with me. But after I donned a Daniel Craig mask, they rushed in, and one bloke even let me shoot him with my fake gun. Skyfall cost millions. All I needed to become a star was a $5 sheet of thin cardboard.

And after this high climb, a stiff drink.

## An Evening with Vesper

Ian Fleming coined the phrase “A Martini. Shaken, not stirred” at Duke’s Hotel (St. James’s Place, London), in the city’s Mayfair district. It boasts a sumptuous and refined bar where hedge fund managers and art gallerists — and occasionally a dashing 007 double — sip cocktails well into the night.

No sooner had I arrived at this quaint bar than the head barman Alessandro Palazzi, in his pristine white tuxedo, whisked me to my corner table. After glancing at my own attire, he kindly says to me: “You’ll want to have The Vesper.”

For novices among you, The Vesper — a powerful concoction of gin, vodka, bitters and Lillet blanche aperitif wine — is regarded as the “true” 007 Martini, as it is mentioned in Ian Fleming’s first Bond novel, Casino Royale. Alessandro makes it with three measures of No. 3 Gin (from London-based Berry Bros.), one measure of Potocki Polish vodka, one of Lillet Blanc and two dashes of Angostura bitters, topped off with a slice of orange peel. Alessandro’s preparation of the drink before my eyes was tantalizing — the taste, intoxicating. Dry, rough, smooth, potent, invigorating and $27.70 — it had as many qualifiers as it had ingredients.

My lips and mouth had been shaken and stirred.

## And finally, the Bond girl

With Vesper flowing through my bloodstream, it was high time I got to work. The mission? Chat up more potential Bond girls. Armed with a feigned ego and innuendo-filled one-liners that would embarrass M, I headed for the aptly (and worryingly) named Dirty Martini (11/12 Russell St., Covent Garden, London).

At first I was blown off and berated, even slapped at by a woman who said, “I’m too dirty for you.” Burned, James, burned. Maybe some Bondian pick-up lines would work?

“Hi,” I said, smoulderingly, to the fair-skinned girl with delightful auburn hair. She asked if I was American, to which I replied, “No, I’m Irish.” (I really should have followed with, “Like Pierce Brosnan!”) Then I stood there mute, a case of stage fright. The woman left, forgetting all about me.

Us spies call this “pulling a Lazenby,” a.k.a. “dying another day.”

## The big finale

Like any good Bond movie, this one has an explosive ending. Channelling my inner-Craig, I used one last pick-up line on two fine birds — “Explain this to me,” it goes, “How come two gorgeous ladies like yourselves walk in and nobody tells me about it?”

They laughed — the good kind, mind you — and soon, I was chatting up someone who looks curiously similar to Eva Green as Vesper Lynd in Casino Royale. She even sat in my lap.

Was she on a Be a Bond Girl mission herself? That’s for my eyes only.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Lindsay Lohan

## Lohan refutes dad's alcohol allegations

Lindsay Lohan apparently isn't too worried about dad Michael Lohan's hopes to put the troubled actress under a conservatorship, according to Hollyscoop.

"No judge would buy it," Lohan reportedly told friends. "[The judge] would have a hard time believing the claims of someone who was investigated for insider trading, arrested for domestic violence multiple times, arrested for assault, has a drunk driving arrest and has been in and out of jail and prison for years." Lohan also insists that emails her dad provided to TMZ showing that her management team agrees that she's fallen off the wagon are all fabricated.

Michael, meanwhile, claims that his daughter is drinking up to a "bottle and a half" of vodka per day and using cocaine again.

## Don't let Twitter comments get you down

Melanie Griffith may be regretting her decision to join the Twitter world, as some of her fan interactions have been less than pleasant. "Most people are telling me I look horrible," she tells Us Weekly. "The tweets I get are really nasty." But the actress doesn't let the harsh barbs get her down. Instead, she keeps focused on staying in shape — and staying humble. "I don't know if I look that great," she admits. "[But] I work out a lot. I have a trainer that I [work with] four times a week, and I do hot yoga."

Melanie Griffith

**The Word**

## *Timberlake provides own entertainment at wedding reception*

A benefit of marrying someone like Justin Timberlake? Some high-quality serenading at the reception.

That's exactly what new bride Jessica Biel got during the couple's wedding celebration in Italy last week, when Timberlake reportedly grabbed the microphone to unveil some new material, according to Us Weekly.

"Justin performed one song at the wedding," a source says. "It's a new one that he hasn't released yet. He dedicated it to Jessica."

Guests were also treated to some other Timberlake hits from the DJ, Roots drummer ?uestlove, who "played a bunch of Justin Timberlake songs, but no *NSYNC," the source says.

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Fergie

## Meth and paranoia — Fergie talks about sobering up

A paranoia-filled visit to church one day was what it took for Fergie to clean up and quit using drugs, she tells Oprah Winfrey in an interview. "I started getting really paranoid, so I went one day into this church and I thought that the FBI and the SWAT teams were outside the church," says the singer, who says she started taking drugs — including crystal meth — in her teens. "I said, 'All right, if I go out and the FBI and the SWAT team's not out there, then it's the drugs and I'm stopping." There were in fact no law enforcement officials waiting for her, and she kept her promise to herself and sobered up. Fergie didn't, however, specify exactly when all of this happened.

**Twitter**

**@ABFalecbaldwin**
Please be safe in Hawaii, @IrelandBBaldwin . Avoid the sharks. The ones wearing flip flops, Ray Bans and carrying a Budweiser.

**@TheEllenShow**
I'm so happy for Adele and her new baby boy, who just heard the best version of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" ever.

**@JessicaSimpson**
Long day at work. Too lazy to wash my face off before bed! Nighty Night

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I'm thinking of becoming a motivational speaker. But I'm not sure. Should I? Maybe yes, maybe no. Undecided. Kinda thinking about it.

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# What up, Playa?

## Not far from Cancun (and with a little more class), it's Playa del Carmen

CASSANDRA GARRISON
Metro World News

One of the fastest developing vacation spots in Mexico, Playa del Carmen is the perfect destination for everything from family getaways to bachelor parties.
Many American entrepreneurs have found Playa to be an ideal location for starting a business, making it a smart choice for those who aren't fluent in Spanish or don't want to sacrifice the comforts of home.
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### Play

The sprawling lounge chairs and couches at Zenzi Beach Club (on the beach at 10 Street, 984-803-5738) make it hard to resist a pina colada, day or night. People-watch while you sit back and sip your way to relaxation.
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# Little Crete village still cashing in on its rep as a destination for hippies

**Matala.** Explore the caves where Joni Mitchell stayed, or just enjoy the beach and laid-back vibe of this little fishing spot

Hippies made these caves famous. PHOTOS: MICHAEL FUHRMANN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Handmade jewelry sold on the beach adds to the hippy vibe.

In one of Matala's ancient caves Joni Mitchell had a bad night's sleep.

But which one?

The Canadian folksinging icon joined a wave of hippies from around the globe that washed ashore at this village on Crete's south coast in the late-1960s. A key attraction: the sandstone caves at the north end of the beach that provided free accommodation.

In published photos of the time, the hippies look as if they've occupied some bizarre prehistoric hotel as they lounge outside their cliffside dwellings.

These days swimsuit-clad tourists clamber up ledges on the cliff to explore the caves all day long. Access is free.

"The fact that Joni Mitchell was here, and all the hippies, I think it makes Matala an attraction for the tourists," says Luigi Sirianni, 32, one of several vendors who set up tables of handmade jewelry every day on the beach.

More than four decades after the hippy invasion, this Greek village continues to cash in on the 1960s legacy that has become its brand.

Swirly, psychedelic-style images are painted on roads and laneways. Gift shops do a brisk trade in flower-power stickers, and T-shirts adorned with peace symbols.

On a warm Saturday night in late-September, a barefoot musician sat cross-legged on a platform outside a cafe as he performed on electric sitar, harmonica and Apple laptop before an appreciative crowd.

"Business here is very good, and anyone who says it isn't is lying," says Voula Hristodoylaki, 52, who has owned a bookshop here for 30 years.

"It's not tragic everywhere in Greece like they say on TV," she says, referring to the country's depressed economy and weakened tourism industry.

A three-day festival with round-the-clock music drew over 50,000 visitors to Matala this past June. Inaugurated in 2011 as a hippy reunion, the event will be staged annually, organizers say.

Mitchell immortalized her stay here in her 1971 hit song Carey: she said her fingernails were filthy, she had beach tar on her feet and she missed her clean white linen and "fancy French cologne."

"The wind is in from Africa, last night I couldn't sleep," the song begins.

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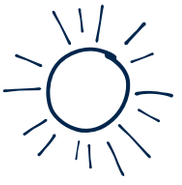

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# Casablanca. There's more to this Moroccan city than Humphrey Bogart

Despite its romantic Hollywood associations, the sprawling ocean-side city of Casablanca is often overlooked by tourists heading for the beach or Morocco's more exotic cities like Marrakech. But this bustling city of four million, Morocco's commercial capital, is a vibrant mix of old and new with gorgeous art-deco architecture, traditional souqs (markets), one of the world's largest mosques and some picturesque beaches of its own.

The old medina. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### The downtown

A small port city until the French chose it as the capital of its "protectorate" over Morocco in 1912, Casablanca blossomed under the attention of some of France's foremost architects who now had room to create outside the crowded cities of Europe. The nouvelle ville, as the downtown was known, was done in an art deco meets Middle Eastern style that is still stunning to behold, if you can look up long enough while dodging crowded sidewalks and zooming cars.

Luckily, the centre of it all, the elegant Mohammed V Boulevard, has been made a pedestrian street while a new tram system is installed. So until the sleek, French-built trams start running by the end of the year, you can stroll down the middle of the street, admiring the handsome buildings from the 1920s and 1930s.

### The 'new' old city

Like most Moroccan cities, Casablanca has a "medina" or walled old city of winding alleys, except here it's smaller than most and quite run down, with most shops devoted to day-to-day items that are of little interest to the visitor. The French decided in the 1920s they would build a nicer medina and created the Habous neighbourhood just a 15-minute drive away, featuring elegant arches and white-washed buildings. Habous is much cleaner and quieter than the downtown and is filled with handicrafts shops selling the traditional ceramics, leather slippers, embroidered caftans and metal lamps that tourists flood to Morocco to buy. Since most of the customers are locals as well, the quality tends to be higher than the tourist bazaars of Marrakech. There is also little of the hard sell that can blight a trip to the market in some of the other cities.

### The mosque

In the medieval world, kings left their mark by building massive monuments in their name. A modern king, Hassan II of Morocco, who ruled the country for almost four decades until 1999, did the same. Amid the crashing waves of the Atlantic, he built a mosque so enormous it looms over the whole city, with a retractable roof and a laser on the minaret. Faced with pale stone and ornamented with colourful inlaid geometric patterns and traditional tiles, it can hold 25,000 worshippers inside. The vast esplanade around the mosque is often filled with families enjoying the open space and the quiet, and there's a great view of the sea. The mosque was built through mandatory contributions from all citizens. Unlike most mosques in Morocco, non-Muslims are allowed inside, but only on guided tours in the mornings and afternoons that run $15 a person.

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# Chorizo sausage steals spotlight in roasted chicken dish

Roasted chicken with chorizo and root veggies

This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sometimes it's best not to overthink things — as in this basic roasted chicken, a take on a simple French classic.

Everything is just tossed into a pot, put in the oven and ignored until done. The recipe calls for a cast-iron Dutch oven. These really are indispensable for making all manner of roasts and stews.

And they are as happy on the burner as in the oven (where, when covered, their heavy lids seal in moisture).

The most unique aspect of this recipe is the use of chorizo.

At its most basic, chorizo is a sausage made from chopped or ground pork and a ton of seasonings, often including garlic.

The flavours are deeply smoky and savoury, with varying degrees of heat.

Most are assertive and peppery, but not truly spicy.

**Ingredients**

- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 3- to 4-lb whole chicken
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 lb cooking chorizo, casing removed and discarded, meat finely chopped
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3 sprig fresh rosemary
- 1 medium yellow onion, quartered
- 12-oz bag baby carrots
- 1 lb new potatoes
- 1 lemon, quartered
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled but left whole
- Ground black pepper, to taste

**1.** Heat the oven to 350 F.

**2.** Combine the salt and garlic powder, then rub the mixture over and under the skin of the chicken. Set aside.

**3.** In a 5 1/2-quart (or larger) Dutch oven over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the chicken and sear for 5 minutes per side. Transfer the chicken to a plate.

**4.** Add the chorizo to the pan, then sauté for 4 minutes. Add the thyme and rosemary. Heat for 30 seconds.

**5.** Return the chicken to the pan, breast up. Arrange the onion, carrots, potatoes, lemon and garlic around the chicken, then place the lid on the pot. Transfer to the oven and roast for 45 minutes, or until the breast reads 160 F on an instant thermometer. Transfer the chicken to a platter and tent with foil.

**6.** Use a slotted spoon to transfer the vegetables and chorizo to a serving bowl. Cover to keep warm. Discard the lemon quarters and any herb stems.

**7.** Place the pot over medium heat and bring to a boil. Cook until reduced and thickened, about 3 to 4 minutes. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. Serve the sauce drizzled over the chicken.

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**Drink of the Week**

## Pinnacle Pumpkin Cider

It doesn't get more autumn than pumpkin pie and cider, and this drink combines the best of both worlds.

- 2 parts Pinnacle Pumpkin Pie vodka
- 1 part apple cider
- A splash of fresh lemon sour soda

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# Feels good to be grad

**Education preparation.**
The go-to guide for those gearing up for grad school

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Do apply early: Programs get flooded with late applicants who are making sudden life changes or who have just received a rejection letter from law school, med school, dentistry school, etc. ISTOCK

**DO: Visit the school you are applying to and connect with faculty and prospective supervisors.**
Having that face time with a member of the selection committee or a prospective supervisor can go a long way in helping you to get into a program. Many programs will not admit a student unless they already have a faculty member who is willing to supervise his or her research.

If you take the time to learn who is out there and connect with him or her about your area of research interest and he or she seems interested in your ideas and approach, then you are halfway, at least, to getting in.

**Do: Take time before you start the application process to reflect on what you would like to research while in grad school.**

The most successful applicants are those who have a clear research interest — one that is innovative or takes a new approach to an old question. You need to know how you want to conduct your research, what resources you intend to use, what the burning question is that you want to address and why it is important. I know it is difficult at this point in time to know the answers to all of this, but the closer you can get, the better.

Take time to chat with your current professors and to get their insights on your research. This is also the sort of thing that you can connect with prospective supervisors on. They can direct you to other resources that may be of use to you.

**Don't: Apply to a whole bunch of programs hoping that one has got to work out.**

You need to learn the key details of a program, including faculty research interests and specific courses offered, before you apply. It's better to take the time and identify the programs that are best suited to you, tailor your application to that program and make connections with people there.

Take the time to do your research and know who the school's faculty members are and what they are known for, and play to those strengths in your application.

**Don't: Hand in an application that is unclear, disorganized, or contains spelling or grammatical mistakes.**

This will give the impression that you are not clear about your purpose or do not take the application seriously.

**Don't: Overdo the flattery.**

A number of admissions committee chairs have cited distaste for applications that include insincere flattery, such as praising the program in an obsequious manner. Other chairs added inappropriate name-dropping or blaming others for a poor academic record as potential kisses of death.

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**Sentences that stand out**

**Write a statement of purpose that is personal and well thought out...**

- ...not cliché or filled with broad sweeping statements and random flattery of the program to which you are applying. Know what your purpose is? Explain who you are, what you want and why you want it from where you are applying.
- Follow the department's directions to a tee. Re-write, give drafts to your family, friends, etc. Make it punchy, personal and free of typos.

## Chart and progress. How to pick between a pile of potential programs

Applying to graduate programs can be time consuming and expensive, so it might not be feasible to apply to every program that interests you.

Yet, with so many options for graduate study, it can be difficult to narrow down your options.

The following are some strategies for your hunt for the perfect graduate program:

**Getting organized**
If you are comparing several programs, summarize the key information about each program and keep it in a central location. In a chart on my computer, I record the following information about each program:

- University and program
- Location (which can have implications for funding options whether you stay home or go abroad)
- Type of program (e.g., coursework, major research paper, thesis)
- Duration of the program
- Application deadline
- Costs (including tuition, living expenses and other fees)
- Admission requirements (e.g., minimum GPA, undergraduate courses, etc.)
- Required application materials (including the number of reference letters, writing samples, research statement, CV, completion of standardized tests, etc.)
- Additional notes (e.g., faculty supervisors in the department, co-op options, etc.)

**Rank the programs**
With all of this information in one place, I can more easily rank the programs. For example, I can look under the 'admission requirements' column of my chart and eliminate programs that require extensive professional experience in the field. I add these to the chart, though, so that I can keep them in mind for the future. The chart also allows me to compare the costs of the programs more easily.

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# The place for your pursuit?

**Education or the elements?** The program sounds great, but what about its whereabouts?

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Consider whether your new place to study will have you concentrating more on cash flow than your credits. ISTOCK

You've been doing your research to apply to grad schools — looking at the school, the program, the faculty, its facilities and services, its reputation and its academic requirements.

However, one thing you must also do your research on is the location of your program.

Many students tend not to consider how much living in a certain city will cost, and that should be almost as important as the school itself, since those costs are very much linked together. Since you will be spending anywhere between 12 and 24 months as a full-time student at these schools, you need to consider the city the school is located in as well.

**Transportation**

**En route to education**

- Something else to consider is the cost of transportation within different cities: do you have a transit pass included in your tuition, or do you need to pay for a monthly pass? Do you have a car and do you need to pay for gas, parking and maintenance?
- Similarly, if you live in a large city, car insurance has a tendency to cost more than if you were in a smaller community.

### Climate

Let's say you abhor all things snowy and cold. Even though the University of Alberta and the University of Manitoba have programs that suit your research interests, how well are you going to be able to cope with temperatures that can be as low as (and sometimes even colder than) -40C?

Similarly, if you detest rain, the University of British Columbia or McMaster University won't be good choices for you.

### Cost of living

Although the climate and temperature can have a lot to do with how you will enjoy the city, you need to also examine the cost of living.

Because some locales are more isolated or have shorter growing seasons, groceries can be much more expensive in some areas over others. However, in smaller towns, there is often less variety and it can be more difficult for you to purchase specialty foods.

In other cities, the climate is great, or it is close to major financial or cultural centres, so the cost of living there is much greater than other places within Canada

### Moving costs

One of the last things you should consider is how much it will cost you to move to this new city. If you are moving cross-country, the cost of renting a vehicle to bring all of your stuff can be upwards of $10,000 or more. This can include the rental of a truck/trailer, insurance, a fee per kilometre you drive, the cost of gas, the fees issued by the rental company to drive their vehicle back, as well as buying food and renting a hotel room.

If you opt to bring only the essentials with you, furnishing an apartment can be expensive as well. If you only plan to live in that city for the length of your program, perhaps it's more worthwhile to live in residence for some of the time.

However, Zac Spicer, a PhD student in political science at Western University in London, Ont., makes a great point when it comes to accessing what the location of your prospective school may be: "Location should be the last consideration of anyone applying to grad school, but it does obviously play a role in deciding where to go. … I would caution anyone from letting this factor be the deciding one. Look at what the school offers, then consider the location."

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## Arland Bruce 'lucky to walk'

Arland Bruce has only seen the replay of the hit that left the charismatic B.C. Lions slot back with a concussion, but he was frightened by the prospect that his injury could have been worse.

The play occurred on Sept. 29 in a game against the Saskatchewan Roughriders, when Bruce collided with defensive back Milt Collins. Bruce hit his head on the turf, and has been held out of the Lions lineup for the last three games.

Bruce has been practising with the team, but most likely won't play Friday when the Lions travel to Calgary to face the Stampeders. However, he realizes the effects of the hit could have been far more devastating.

"It was scary looking at the play because the way my back twisted — not really my head — just the way my body twisted, people have been paralyzed like that," said Bruce Monday.

"So I'm just lucky I can walk and move around and I feel good.

"I warmed up this past game (against the Edmonton Eskimos) like I was going to play and I felt good, moving around. Even that week I worked out, practised, so, you know, precautious reasons, to be safe about it, don't want to rush back. Anytime you feel good, wait another week, especially with an injury like this."

Knowledge of the long-term effects of concussions has continued to grow, and Bruce, an 11-year Canadian Football League veteran with 10,758 receiving yards, has taken that into account.

"I'm (going) to play it smart so I can be able to, you know, play with my kids down the road and not be like 'Who are you?' I'm (going) to do the smart thing, but I feel great."

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Arland Bruce likely won't play on Friday but says his recovery continues to go well.
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Vancouver Whitecaps midfielder Barry Robson is tripped by Portland Timbers midfielder Diego Chara during Sunday's Major League Soccer match at BC Place Stadium. Robson and the Whitecaps have qualified for the MLS Cup playoff but have one win in their last nine games. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

# Whitecaps trying to re-discover old form

**MLS.** Vancouver club finishes sophomore regular season on Saturday against Real Salt Lake ahead of playoff debut against L.A. Galaxy

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The Vancouver Whitecaps returned to the pitch Tuesday as a loose group determined to not let the cold and rain dampen their spirits.

A light workout capped with the flicking of players' ears during a fun competition brought about laughter to a club that hasn't had much, if anything, to smile about in the last two months.

The Whitecaps are the first Canadian-based Major League Soccer team to qualify for the playoffs; however, their entry was sealed Sunday not with a win of their own, but a Seattle Sounders FC victory over Dallas later in the evening.

The Whitecaps have one more game this regular season — a Saturday evening match on the road against Real Salt Lake — before a Nov. 1 one-game winner-take-all playoff match on the road against the 2011 MLS Cup champion L.A. Galaxy.

"We need to mainly get focused on the game against L.A., but to do that we have to do well against Salt Lake," said head coach Martin Rennie.

The Vancouver side enjoyed a 7-4-5 start from March to the end of June, but has four wins since then, and just one victory in their last nine games. Their most recent loss, a 1-0 to the Portland Timbers, has left fans frustrated, and players and coaches searching to re-discover their once successful ways.

"We know that it's there for us and we know that we did these types of things in the beginning of the season," said Whitecaps captain Jay DeMerit.

"But like I said, it's just about getting that right and getting the right guys doing the right things and all 11 guys being on the same page."

Rennie is now tasked with putting together a starting 11 that gives the Whitecaps the best chance at an upset victory in L.A.

He has continued to utilize designated players Kenny Miller and Barry Robson, despite their struggles in the attacking third.

Miller has two goals in 12 games and zero in his last three, while Robson has one goal — the fourth and final tally for the Whitecaps in a 4-0 drubbing of Chivas USA, back on Oct. 3 — in his last 11 matches.

On Sunday, Robson bore the brunt of the hometown fans when he let a throw-in go past him after he was tugged on the jersey and no call was made.

He threw his arms in the air and stood there momentarily as the play went back up field. Fans and media have increasingly grown critical of the 33-year-old midfielder, and the expectations are mounting.

"I mean, I put massive pressure on myself as a footballer every day, every time I come on the training pitch, every time I play, so I don't need pressure from outside," said Robson.

"I need to try and do well for the team, for the fans and for the club."

Injury update

## Rochat expected at training

Vancouver Whitecaps versatile defender Alain Rochat should be healthy enough for club selection against Real Salt Lake Saturday, according to head coach Martin Rennie.

Rochat, 29, was taken out of Sunday's game against Portland in the second half moments after going down to the turf with an injury.

Rochat was helped to the sidelines and quickly re-entered the match; however, he was substituted out eight minutes later and appeared to be favouring his right hip.

"He should be fine, he should be training (Wednesday)," said Rennie.

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**How they made it**

**Giants:** Finished first in the NL West and were the league's third seed behind the Nationals and Reds. The Giants fell behind 0-2 at home in the NLDS, flying to Cincinnati where they rolled off three straight wins. In the NLCS vs. the Cardinals, the inspiration came from a dirty slide that threatened to take 2B Marco Scutaro out of the series with knee damage. The former Blue Jay bounced back to be NLCS MVP batting .500. The Giants are a record 6-0 in elimination games.

**Tigers:** Rushed past the White Sox down the stretch to win the AL Central despite just 88 wins. RH Justin Verlander is the man for the Tigers, beating Oakland twice in the ALDS and the Yankees once in the ALCS with a 0.74 ERA, averaging over eight innings per start. The A's took it to five games before Verlander shut them out. The Tigers swept the Yankees and have been on the sidelines since last Friday waiting for an opponent. Detroit's rotation has been overpowering.

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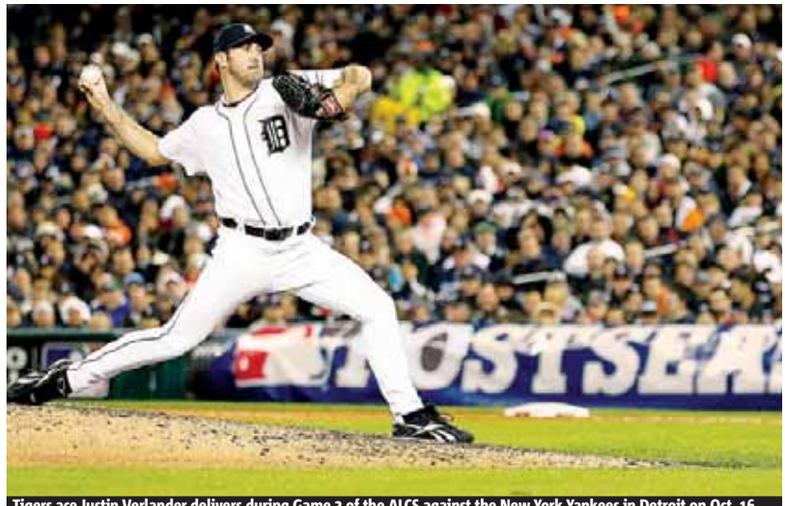
# Verlander returns to Series on October roll

**Tigers' best.** Detroit ace looks to put behind early career disappointments on World Series stage



Tigers ace Justin Verlander delivers during Game 3 of the ALCS against the New York Yankees in Detroit on Oct. 16.

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Justin Verlander's introduction to post-season baseball six years ago left him dazzled and exhausted.

Worn down toward the end of his rookie season, he made his playoff debut at Yankee Stadium. A couple weeks later, he was on the mound for Game 1 of the World Series.

"It was such a whirlwind, really, that entire season. I remember standing on the mound in old Yankee Stadium ... and growing up as a kid you see all of the post-season games and all of the magic that had happened in that stadium, and it was kind of a surreal moment for me," the Detroit ace said.

"I feel like I have pitched in big games now and understand what my body's going to be going through and what my mind is going to be going through and I am able to rein it in a little more and use it more to my advantage."

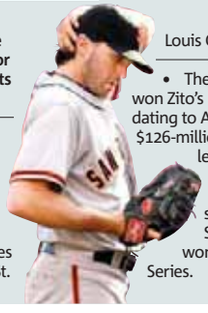
Verlander is now 29 and he returns to the Fall Classic a more mature pitcher. In three playoff starts against Oakland and the New York Yankees, he's allowed all of two runs going into Wednesday night's opening game at San Francisco.

"He's learned to handle these situations. He's learned how to stay pretty calm throughout the game in these big-game situations," manager Jim Leyland said.

**Second chance in San Francisco**

**Barry Zito will start the World Series opener for the San Francisco Giants Wednesday night.**

- Zito's stellar outing in a 5-0 win on Friday in Game 5 of the NL championship series helped San Francisco rally from a 3-1 series deficit against the St. Louis Cardinals.
- The Giants have won Zito's last 13 starts dating to Aug. 7. The $126-million pitcher was left off all three rounds of the 2010 post-season when San Francisco won the World Series.



The six-foot-five right-hander makes pitching look effortless, settling into a groove early without necessarily reaching back for his triple-digit fastball until the later innings.

Verlander went 24-5 in 2011, sweeping the AL MVP and Cy Young awards. Although he won only 17 games this year, his ERA was still a sparkling 2.64.

Of course, in 2006, Verlander started Game 1 of the World Series, and the Tigers lost to St. Louis 7-2. Those travails are all but forgotten now.

On Wednesday night, Verlander will go back to work, with his usual business-like attitude and tireless approach. He still won't take anything for granted. Verlander's well aware that no matter how talented you are, anything can happen in October.

"Every game in the post-season is a must-win," Verlander said. "In the post-season we have seen some crazy things happen in this game. Just try to win every single game one inning at a time."

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**Roster rundown**

**Giants:**

**Offence:** Have been led by the play of 2B Marco Scutaro and the voice of RF Hunter Pence. In C Buster Posey's only full season they won the 2010 World Series.

**Pitching:** RH Ryan Vogelsong has been the man in the rotation. RH Matt Cain is a workhorse, but has struggled at times, while LH Barry Zito has pitched well recently. The Giants replaced injured closer Brian Wilson with Sergio Romo, who has the beard for the job.

**Tigers:**

**Offence:** DH Delmon Young drove in the winning run in all four games against the Yankees. They boast the powerful 3-4 combo of Triple Crown winner 3B Miguel Cabrera and 1B Prince Fielder.

**Pitching:** All the talk is about RH Justin Verlander, but RH Doug Fister, RH Max Scherzer and RH Anibal Sanchez have also pitched well. They've had rest, so the longer the series, the advantage goes to Detroit. The Tigers have been forced to go to LH Phil Coke as the closer with RH Jose Valverde struggling.

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# NHLPA irked by teams' contact with players

Distrust continues to creep into the NHL's stalled negotiations.

The NHL Players' Association was questioning the league's motives after news surfaced Tuesday that team owners and general managers were given 48 hours last week to speak with players about the NHL's latest contract offer.

"Most owners are not allowed to attend bargaining meetings," said Steve Fehr, the NHLPA's special counsel. "No owners are allowed to speak to the media about the bargaining. It is interesting that they are secretly unleashed to talk to the players about the meetings the players can attend, but the owners cannot."

The window was granted last Wednesday. Team employees were told they could answer questions about the offer from players until 11:59 p.m. Friday.

**Before the window**

**Since the lockout began, the NHL had forbidden contact between team officials and players.**

- It was unclear how many players were contacted.

"Players were contacting club personnel to inquire about our proposal," said deputy commissioner Bill Daly. "We gave them a limited window in which to respond to those inquiries."

In a lengthy internal memo obtained by The Canadian Press, the NHL stated clearly that the discussions had to be limited to the contents of the proposal. It also provided examples of questions that shouldn't be asked of players and noted that any violation would be subject to NHL bylaw 17.17, which gives commissioner Gary Bettman the power to levy fines up to $250,000.

On Tuesday, the NHLPA requested a Wednesday meeting at the league's New York office, provided it was held without pre-conditions.

However, Daly said that it wouldn't be granted since the union hadn't shown any interest in the NHL's most recent proposal.

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**WHL**

## Giants try to end losing ways as Wheat Kings come to town

The Vancouver Giants will look to snap a four-game losing streak when they host the Brandon Wheat Kings at the Pacific Coliseum Wednesday night.

The Giants are last in the Western Hockey League's B.C. Division with a 2-8-0-0 record so far in the young season.

The team also announced Monday that head coach Don Hay, in his ninth year with the Giants, was named to the Team WHL coaching staff for a pair of games in the upcoming Subway Super Series against Russia. METRO

# Hard road ahead for cycling to regain credibility

**Doping fallout.**
Sport's top official says stripping Armstrong of Tour de France titles gives it some 'moral authority'

Mired in a crisis caused by the Lance Armstrong doping affair, the sport of cycling faces an uphill trek to regain credibility.

Still, cycling's top official said the sport can succeed despite the doubts of many, including anti-doping leaders who on Tuesday called for Armstrong-era officials to be removed.

"By the decisions we have taken (Monday) it has given us the moral authority," UCI president Pat McQuaid told The Associated Press after the UCI accepted the sanctions that stripped Armstrong of his seven Tour de France titles and all other race results since August 1998.

**Quote**

**"The sport has to take what it can from this and use it as a means to convince athletes that there's no future in doping."**
UCI president Pat McQuaid

Skeptics still insist that the UCI protected Armstrong from scrutiny for many years, and was reluctantly forced to disown him by a devastating report published this month by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. Across 1,000 pages of evidence, it detailed how Armstrong's teams used and trafficked banned drugs — coercing some teammates into the conspiracy — to dominate the Tour from 1999-2005.

"We really had no option but to make the decision we made," McQuaid said.

McQuaid's denunciation that Armstrong "deserves to be forgotten in cycling" was surprisingly strong after the UCI had previously backed Armstrong's failed legal fight to deny USADA jurisdiction in the case.

"We haven't tried to find a way to defend an icon in our sport — we've accepted reality," the UCI president told the AP. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UCI president Pat McQuaid
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## Heat handle Bobcats without Wade

**Miami Heat forward LeBron James saves the ball from going out of bounds during an NBA pre-season game against the Charlotte Bobcats on Tuesday night in Raleigh, N.C. With Dwyane Wade given the night off, Chris Bosh turned in an aggressive performance, scoring 21 points to help the Heat beat the Bobcats 98-92. LeBron James added 10 points and eight assists for the Heat and Ray Allen added 15 points off the bench for Miami.** GERRY BROOME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**CFL**

### Als' Richardson runs to offensive honours

Montreal Alouettes slotback Jamel Richardson was named CFL offensive player of the week Tuesday.

He had 161 receiving yards on eight catches in the Als' 34-28 win over Saskatchewan last week.

Calgary defensive back Keon Raymond was named defensive player of the week for his efforts in the Stampeders' 34-32 win over Hamilton. He had eight tackles, two sacks and returned an interception for a touchdown.

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**MLB**

### Baseball great Fisk facing DUI charges

Hall of Fame catcher Carlton Fisk faces charges of driving under the influence and other misdemeanours after being found asleep in his pickup truck in a cornfield, police in suburban Chicago said Tuesday.

New Lenox Deputy Chief Robert Pawlisz said officers found Fisk, 64, behind the wheel late Monday with an open bottle of vodka on the truck's floor.

Fisk was taken to a hospital for treatment and released from custody after posting bail, Pawlisz said.

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# Escape in the 2013 Malibu

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**Green option**

For buyers with a green streak, the Malibu Eco features a 182-horse 2.4-litre four-cylinder and a special 15-horsepower electric motor/generator that adds "eAssist" via a belt drive during acceleration and passing. Called a "mild hybrid" because the Malibu Eco cannot run on electric power alone.

The trunk is very spacious

**2013 Chevrolet Malibu**

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel mid-size sedan.
- **Engines (hp);.** 2.5l DOHC I4 (197), 2.0l DOHC I4 (259), 2.4l DOHC I4 with 15kw motor (182, net)
- **Transmission.** Six speed auto.
- **Base price (incl.destination).** $26,500

**Interior styling**

Cabin styling, which was the previous Malibu's strong suit, hasn't veered off course for 2013. The dual cockpit-style seating arrangement, with its wrap-around dashboard and centre stack, returns in roughly the same format, but the controls and switches are laid out in a more straightforward fashion.

**Design**

On the outside, the Malibu's athletic lines reveal a more prominent grille and Camaro-influenced taillights at the opposite end. The range-topping LTZ is upgraded with brighter high-intensity discharge (HID) headlights and faster-acting light-emitting diode (LED) taillights.

**Review.** It's really three separate cars under the same banner

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

To be a mid-sized sedan in this day and age means that you actually have to be a lot more than just a mid-sized sedan.

You have to have a super-attractive entry price. You also have to show that you like clean air, trees and fluffy rabbits romping in fields. And, you have to be sporty enough for moms and dads who gave up their two-door cars when the stork came calling. But, since you can't really put all of that together in one car, the Malibu — and others in this class — have separate models to take care of a broad buyer base.

Once considered somewhat plain and uninspiring in a rental-fleet sort of way, the Malibu regained its groove for the 2008 model year with sharp styling, thoughtfully designed interior appointments and competent road manners. The reviews bordered on gushing, sales spiked and the mid-size Chevy was walking proud again. The new 2013 Malibu has been repurposed for new challenges and increased sedan-class competitiveness. From top to bottom it's a completely different car, starting with a more rigid platform based on the Opel Insignia (also part of GM).

Exterior dimensions are closely aligned with the outgoing Malibu, except for about 11.5 centimetres of shrinkage between the front and rear wheels. Despite this deficit, most key passenger- and cargo-area measurements, except legroom, have actually increased. The speedometer and tachometer gauge pods are located in what are clearly Chevrolet Camaro-inspired housings. As with other recently launched GM sedans, the Malibu comes with 10 standard airbags, including front-knee inflatables.

In short, the 2013 Malibu offers a variety of models to a diverse group of buyers. Welcome to the modern mid-size sedan.

The Malibu's taillight influence is undeniable. All models are front-wheel drive and have some sort of four-cylinder propulsion.

The gauge layout will likely remind you of the Chevrolet Camaro.

**By comparison**

1 Ford Fusion
Base price: $24,050

2 Nissan Altima
Base price: $25,200

3 Mazda6
Base price: $25,700

# Wisely spend your way around car care this fall with these 10 products

**Take a load off.** With a vehicle maintenance investment this season you could have more time to enjoy life

JEFF MELNYHCUK
Wheelbase Media

Car "care" is not a four-letter word.

In fact, like many things in life, you can spend your way around it. When it comes to your vehicle, a dollar spent on the right products often equals money saved down the road on repairs, resale value and elbow grease.

The following products were chosen for this reason. Wheelbase Media is not affiliated in any way with the following companies or their products.

They have been selected as a sample of the thousands of products out there that are designed to, among other things, give more time behind the wheel.

**No. 1: Defend against door dings**
Simply separate the two halves and stick them to the front and rear doors (thanks to built-in magnets) of your vehicle to provide a three-inch thick protective bumper.

Each set consists of a pair of 75-cenitmetre-long shock-absorbing tubes covered in soft, scratch-proof, weather-resistant polyester. Bound together by a heavy-duty cable, they're held by a ball at the end of the steel security cable that you simply toss into the vehicle before closing and locking the doors. doordefender.com

**No. 2: Cap the problem**
There are a number of valve-stem caps on the market that show you when tire pressure is low.

The Air Alert Valve Cap from Automotive Upgrade Technologies actually flashes for up to three weeks when the pressure drops by four p.s.i., a situation that needs your immediate attention. The list price is about $40 US. Visit automotiveupgrade.com.

**No. 3: The cart of all carts**
OK, this item might not be for everyone, but if you're deadly serious about keeping your expensive ride(s) as clean and spotless as possible, then you'll definitely want to look into a Rebel Cart.

Each of the company's twin-compartment rolling steel carts can store plenty of solvents, waxes and assorted cleaning supplies. There's also a portable air compressor (including an air hose and air gun) and a Metro-brand 4.0-horsepower portable vacuum cleaner.

Colour choices include red, white, matte black, gloss black and silver. Rebel Carts sell for $2,000 US and through rebelcarts.com.

**No. 4: "Carrying" a spare**
Kurgo makes storing and moving your spare sets of tires a little easier (and cleaner) because of its one-size-fits-all bags with handles.

The Seasonal Tire Tote is intended to keep brake dust and other road filth off your clothes as well as out of the trunk or cargo compartment of your vehicle. Made from polyester and machine-washable. Kurgo.com.

**No. 5: Dressed with less mess**
One coat of More Shine on a clean tire makes it look black, while a second helping provides a glossy shine. There's no dripping liquid, no sponges and a no wiping needed.

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More Shine is claimed to provide UV protection from the sun, it won't "brown" the tires and it won't harm the finish on your wheels. More-shine.com.

**No. 6: Smell? What smell?**
Each one-kilogram bag contains porous volcanic rock with zeolite, which is a naturally forming mineral with the ability to absorb all kinds of smells, from food (regurgitated and otherwise) to oil and gasoline fumes.

All that's required to maintain the product's effectiveness is to occasionally place the bag in direct sunlight for six to eight hours. Stinky-Be-Gone sells for $15 US (or three bags for $40 US) from griotsgarage.com.

**No. 7: Clean your cleaning cloths**
The maker of WHOOSH! claims that its biodegradable detergent will make your microfibre towels turn out soft and fluffy as new, which is what you need to get back to work on your vehicle.

The product's formulation, which includes water softeners, attacks grease, dirt, oils, wax, brake dust and other stains without the use of bleach or other harmful chemicals.

A 950-millilitre bottle sells for about $20 US and is available from the manufacturer at whooshinc.com.

Make cleaning your filthy car easier this fall. WHEELBASE

**No. 8: Keep your cool**
AC Pro, made by IDQ Inc., can actually stop a leak and replenish the system with refrigerant, all from a single can.

In addition, the manufacturer claims AC Pro's special formula contains the most effective coolant on the market. Each can of AC Pro includes a built-in pressure gauge, extra-long hose and special "snap lock" coupler. AC Pro retails for about $50 US and is available from a number of auto-supply and department stores.

Watch the video demo and obtain purchasing info at acprocold.com.

**No. 9: Dents be gone**
The Bondo Small Dent Repair Kit comes with all the necessary items to help give a professional finish to small body-work jobs.

Each kit comes with six ounces of lightweight body filler, glaze, a spreader, a mixer and one sheet each of 80, 180 and 320-grit sandpaper that you progressively use to make the repair smoother. Admittedly the process is not for the faint of heart, but once the job is completed, you're ready to prime and paint.

Available at amazon.com for $15-$18 US. You can also check out the complete line of 3M/Bondo car care products at 3Mcarcare.com.

**No. 10: What's your ratchet?**
If you work on cars, either as a hobby or to pay the bills, you'll appreciate a set of Zyklop ratchets from Wera.

Their unique rotating-mass design allows you to easily spin the socket up to three times more quickly (according to the manufacturer) than a standard ratchet.

Although tackling bolts is the Zyklop's primary function, it can also be used as a reversible screwdriver when fitted with one of a number of different bits.

Wera makes Zyklop ratchet sets from 18 to 43 pieces with prices beginning in the $80 US range for the basic set through amazon.com. For more info, you can also check out us.wera.de.

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# Bank balance lean but keen to stay green? Choose Honda's old hybrid

**Second gear.**
2005 to 2007 Honda Accord Hybrid

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Pressing towards greater environmental sensibility, Honda launched a hybrid variant of their popular Accord sedan for the 2005 model year. The relatively short-lived model lasted through till 2007 and was never a sales success — though it furthered the automaker's reputation in the hybrid vehicle scene.

Look for an Accord Hybrid with heated leather seats, a navigation system, premium audio, remote entry, steering-wheel mounted audio controls and all of the other toys available in loaded-up Accord models.

**Common issues**

Check for a vibration or "tone" emitted from the Accord Hybrid's engine compartment, which is likely caused by a malfunction in the "Active Noise Cancellation" circuitry. When this system doesn't work properly, the sound is noticeable as cylinders are deactivated. If it's working, drivers shouldn't hear it.

Another possible issue may be related to the transmission. Some drivers report a clunking, surging or vibration apparent when shifting gears. If the Accord Hybrid you're considering doesn't feel like it's shifting properly, be double sure to have it checked out.

**Engine**

By adding their Integrated Motor Assist (IMA) system to the Accord's V6 powerplant, output climbed from the standard 240 horsepower to 255.

**What owners dislike**

Complaints include seat comfort, some cheap interior trim pieces and lower-than-expected handling performance due to the Accord Hybrid's fuel-saving tires.

**What owners like**

Owners gravitated initially toward the model because of its promise of elevated performance and good real-world mileage. Honda's reliability and reputation for safety and a refined driving experience attracted shoppers, too.

**Verdict**

Shop carefully, test-drive thoroughly, and try to find a model that's familiar to the selling Honda dealer. A full checkup is mandatory, and an extended warranty that covers the hybrid drivetrain components isn't a bad idea either.

Accord's engine has 255 horsepower

# Be wary of how winter taxes your fuel intake

Part of being a smart, safe, fuel-efficient driver includes knowing how to achieve good results even in the worst weather. Did you know, for example, that the combined effects of various conditions can increase fuel consumption more in winter than summer? While it may sound obscure, when you break it down it really makes sense.

• Drivers should expect higher fuel consumption in cold weather. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found that a drop in temperature from 24 C to 7 C increased fuel consumption in urban commutes by 12 to 28 per cent.

• Aerodynamic resistance is greater in winter. Cold, dry winter air is about 12 per cent denser than warm, humid summer air, increasing highway fuel consumption by about 1.3 per cent in winter. The average wind speed is also higher in winter, which contributes to increased aerodynamic resistance and fuel consumption.

• Winter roads create difficult driving conditions. Roads tend to be rougher in the winter, with increased asphalt deterioration and a mix of snow, ice, slush, water, salt, gravel, and sand. The engine works harder to offset the increased rolling resistance, as the tires must push aside heavy snow and road cover. The snow and ice also increase wheel slippage, which results in higher fuel consumption. U.S. EPA data shows that fuel consumption can increase from seven to 35 per cent as a result of poor road conditions, depending on the surface type and snow load.

• Winter gas normally has lower energy density. Gasoline composition is seasonally and geographically adjusted based on historical temperature data. A litre of winter gas has less energy than a litre of summer gas, typically in the range of 1.5 to three per cent. Diesel fuel is similarly affected.

• Winter driving taxes the vehicle's electrical system. Except for using air conditioning on hot summer days, a vehicle's electrical loads are normally higher in cold weather due to greater demand from heating, defrosting, heated seats, heated mirrors and increased use of the windshield wipers and washer pump. The energy for these electrical loads is provided by the vehicle's electrical system, which obtains power from the engine.

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## 6 Class up your car with a cone

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## 8 Enjoy versatile Partymate

As you might be aware, there's an abundance of things you can attach to your vehicle's trailer hitch other than an actual trailer. One of the latest is the Tailgate Partymate Beer Pong Camping Table. Although the name implies some sort of ritualistic beverage-consuming contest, the real uses for this item include a dining/condiment table, or as a support for portable barbecue. The unit, with its 18 x 36-inch twin- table swing-out design, will fit any standard two-inch receiver and weighs in at 52 pounds. And when not in use, it folds and locks unobtrusively against the back of your car, truck, sport ute or minivan. The Partymate table sells online through a number of sites, but one of the best deals is at amazon.com, where it sells for $90.

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# Time waits for no bench seat

**Autopilot.** Seating made easier?

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The 2013 Chevrolet Impala is the last in a long line of sedans to have front bench seats. The Cadillac ATS is among the first in line to offer a 'safety seat'. HANDOUT

As far as bittersweet goodbyes go, it's not one of the big ones. Not like when the McRib sandwich was dropped off the permanent menu at McDonald's.

But brace we must, for the coming demise of the front 'bench' seat.

The 2013 Chevrolet Impala is the last sedan standing in North America that can be equipped with a front bench. We got word last month that the all-new 2014 Chevrolet Impala being readied for sale sometime in 2013 will not be offered with a bench seat option. So when the 2014 Impala replaces the 2013 version, it's all over, for Chevrolet and for the North American industry.

Chevrolet has been a purveyor of bench-seat equipped cars since 1911, with the launch of its very first car — the Series C Classic Six.

You can still get front benches in pickups and some SUVs, but their time in passenger cars has clearly passed. GM noted that only about one in 10 Impalas are currently sold with the bench option.

Why did they fall out of favour? Well, we could start with general discomfort, stemming from their too close association with the church pew, their total lack of lateral support during cornering and the lovely, non-verbal way they lately came to say "fleet car" and/or "I'm not trying anymore, bucket seats are just too cool for me."

But they definitely had their day in the sun. For decades, they were the go-to front seat — for value, for getting the most people in a car and for keeping things cozy between you and your sweetie. It will always be an endearing image — a gal sitting tight beside her guy behind the wheel, while the far right seat goes empty. It's probably not a coincidence that the drive-in movie theatre and the front bench seat have simultaneously declined in popularity — they needed each other.

Time and seat progress marches on. Recently, I drove the new 2013 Cadillac ATS. A great car and one of the first to debut Cadillac's new "safety seat," which GM bills as "the industry's first to use directional tactile sensation — vibration of the driver's seat bottom — to warn of crash threats while driving and parking." (The operative word is "directional." Back in 2005, Citreon introduced its "vibrating seat" alarm.)

The seat features two vibrating mechanisms. If the threat is on the left (drifting left, object left), the left motor generates a pulsing motion destined, presumably, for your left butt cheek. If the threat is on the right, your right butt cheek gets the message. Threats from the front or rear trigger pulses on both sides of the seat.

I purposely drifted the ATS over the centre line in the road to experience this butt warning. It felt good … No, I mean it did its job — it's very effective at getting your attention. So we've moved from a seat that allowed one body to slide up nice and tight to another body, to one that sends mechanical vibrations to your butt. I guess it's progress.

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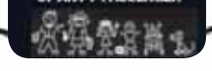

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- **Support is crucial.** Make sure any seat sufficiently cushions the child's head and prevents excessive head and neck movement in a crash.

# Child seats: One size doesn't fit all

**Driving Force.**
Don't take risks, and be informed when it comes to seating your kid

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You know that your child should always be in the proper safety seat at all times in a vehicle. But you may not be aware of changing recommendations for the type of seat they use.

The transition through various types of seats depends more on a child's development than age or weight, according to Barbara Baines, child passenger safety advocate for Britax.

"Britax recommends rear-facing as long as possible," she says.

"It's a safer way to travel, because during a frontal collision, the force of the collision is absorbed through the back of the seat, and there is no energy or force being put on the weaker front parts of the body."

The federal government sets standards for the seats themselves, but provinces set laws for their use.

The weight and age of children in rearward-facing seats is often legislated at 20 to 22 pounds, or a minimum of one year.

Baines recommends using the child's development instead and keeping them rearward-facing until they can walk unassisted.

"Many children are bigger than in the past, and that's why we've brought in the developmental part," she says.

"Babies that are larger won't always have the muscle strength, even though they passed 22 pounds long ago. Walking unassisted indicates that they have the muscle development to hold their bodies and spines upright."

When a child moves from a front-facing seat to a booster seat, height should be the primary factor. The booster seat's sole purpose is to raise the child sufficiently so a seatbelt can be used.

The seatbelt must fit correctly over the hips and shoulder, and the child should be able to sit with his or her back against the seat, and with knees completely bent over the front of the seat cushion.

Until this is possible, the child should remain in a seat with a five-point harness.

All child seats should be replaced after their expiration date or if they've been in a crash, even if the seat was empty at the time. Baines cautions about buying used seats.

"It's illegal to sell second-hand seats unless they meet the Transport Canada safety standards as of January 2012," she says.

"Also, you don't know if that seat has ever been in a collision, been mistreated, or if there's a recall on it. It's not worthwhile saving money when it's your child's safety at stake."

**Some perspective**

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Lee Sneller is now happy to be driven around by his wife. LM OTERO /AP PHOTO

# Know when you're too old to drive

**Safety first.** It may be a hard, often upsetting choice, but doctors and family can help you evaluate and decide

Families may have to watch for dings in the car and plead with an older driver to give up the keys — but there's new evidence that doctors could have more of an influence on one of the most wrenching decisions facing a rapidly aging population.

A large study from Canada found that when doctors warn patients, and tell driving authorities, that the older folks may be medically unfit to be on the road, there's a drop in serious crash injuries among those drivers. The study, in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, couldn't tell if the improvement was because those patients drove less or drove more carefully once the doctors pointed out the risk.

But as the number of older drivers surges, it raises the question of how families and doctors could be working together to determine if and when age-related health problems are bad enough to impair driving.

Often, families are making that tough choice between safety and independence on their own. "It's very scary," said Pat Sneller of Flower Mound, Texas, who talked her husband, Lee, into quitting about a year after he was diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer's disease.

The couple had recently moved from California, one of the few U.S. states that require doctors to report drivers with worrisome health conditions to licensing authorities. Pat Sneller was stunned to learn Texas doesn't require that doctor involvement, and health workers advised her to ride with her husband and judge his abilities for herself.

Eventually, her husband called home in a panic, lost while driving in unfamiliar Dallas for volunteer work. A long scrape on the car that he couldn't explain was the final straw. In 2010, she persuaded him to quit driving, although the now-72-year-old's license remains good until 2014.

"He still says occasionally, 'I can still drive, you know,'" Pat Sneller said. By one U.S. estimate, about 600,000 older drivers a year quit because of health conditions. The problem: There are no clear-cut guidelines to tell who really needs to — and given the lack of transportation options in much of the country, quitting too soon can be detrimental for someone who might have functioned well for several more years. It's never an easy discussion.

Unlike in most of the U.S., doctors in much of Canada are supposed to report to licensing authorities patients with certain health conditions that may impair driving. Ontario in 2006 began paying doctors a small fee to further encourage that step — and researchers used the payments to track 100,075 patients who received those warnings between April of that year and December 2009.

They compared the group's overall rate of crashes severe enough to send the driver to the emergency room, before the warnings began and afterward, and found a 45 per cent drop, reported lead researcher Dr. Donald Redelmeier, a University of Toronto professor. While the study included adult drivers of all ages, most were over age 60. A small percentage of the province's licensed drivers have received warnings, Redelmeier stressed, and licenses are suspended by authorities between 10 per cent and 30 per cent of the time.

His study highlighted one reason physicians don't like to get involved: About one in five of the patients who were warned changed doctors. There also was an uptick in reports of depression. Doctors aren't trained to evaluate driving ability and the study couldn't tell if some drivers were targeted needlessly, noted Dr. Matthew Rizzo of the University of Iowa. Yet he called the research valuable. "The message from this paper is that doctors have some wisdom in knowing when to restrict drivers," said Rizzo. His own research shows some cognitive tests might help them better identify who's at risk, such as by measuring "useful field of view," essentially how much your brain gleans at a glance — important for safety in intersections.

Dr. Gary Kennedy, geriatric psychiatry chief at New York's Montefiore Medical Center, often adds another question: Are his patients allowed to drive their grandchildren?

"If the answer to that is no, that's telling me the people who know the patient best have made a decision that they're not safe," said Kennedy, who offers "to be the bad cop" for families or primary care physicians having trouble delivering the news.

More objective measures are needed — and to help find them, hundreds of older drivers are letting scientists install video cameras, GPS systems and other gadgets in their cars as part of massive studies of everyday driving behaviour.

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
You are rarely subtle in the way you say things and today you will speak your mind without fear or favour. Leave others in no doubt at all that you are not amused by what has been going on of late.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
Not everyone can live up to your exacting standards, so make allowances for those whose efforts fall short of the mark. The quality you most need to develop is patience. It won't be easy but it can be done.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
You need to slow down and take life at a more leisurely pace. The planets warn that mistakes will be made unless you think things through carefully over the next few days. Remember, your health always comes first.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
You have much to look forward to over the next few weeks, so don't waste time or energy on things that no longer matter. Whatever yesterday's problems were, it's time to put them out of your mind forever.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Keep telling yourself that you are supposed to make mistakes and that it's not necessarily bad when things go wrong. The important thing now is that you learn from setbacks and make sure they don't happen again.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
What someone is saying about you is designed to make you feel bad about yourself, but you don't have to play their silly game. You know what you are capable of. You are perfect just the way you are.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
Find ways to streamline your daily routine so you have more time for personal matters such as affairs of the heart. Most likely you are doing things for other people that they should be doing for themselves. Enough is enough.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Play by the rules and don't give your enemies an opportunity to catch you out. If you demand the highest standards of other people, they have the right to demand the highest standards of you.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
Someone who has a lot of charm will make a big impression on you today but are they as nice as they look? If your sixth sense tells you to be on your guard, you would be wise to listen to it.

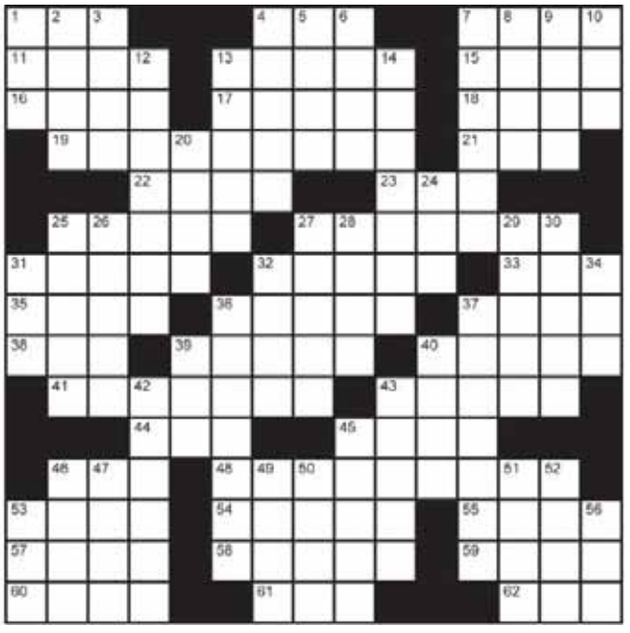
### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
Forget about tomorrow and focus on what you are supposed to be doing right now. Take each day as it comes and tackle a single task at a time. One small task completed is better than ten big tasks left unfinished.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
Stop worrying that the sky is about to fall and start doing the things that will make your existence more secure. For starters, you should be pushing ahead with a creative project. Time's running out.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
A loved one is in need of cheering up and you are the one who can help. Make it your business to put the smile back on their face and, in doing so, your own worries will fade away too. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Two Cities, One Rocker, and Stuff for Walls

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



**Across**
1. Parliamentarians
4. African antelope also known as a wildebeest
7. Not this
11. Comic Sandler
13. French coin replaced by the euro
15. Nevada's "The Biggest Little City in the World"
16. Crafty
17. Starbucks order
18. Sandwich cookie
19. Saskatchewan's largest city
21. Body part right above the neck
22. Benedict XVI or John Paul II
23. ___ la la
25. Egyptians and Iraqis
27. Home of the Argonauts
31. Wonderland girl
32. With ___ breath: anxiously
33. Basis for a Quaker cereal
35. Small inlet
36. Ancient Celtic priest
37. "Are not!" playground retort (2 wds.)
38. Before: poetic
39. Years 13 through 19
40. Peaks of perfection
41. See 24-Down
43. Bows one's head in church
44. Deity
45. Street
46. Windsor product
48. Wallpaper alternative
53. One of the Great Lakes
54. By oneself
55. Long, long time
57. Flower sites
58. Appellations
59. Fiddler while Rome burned
60. Hive dwellers
61. Repair tears
62. Blade moisture, in the morning

**Down**
1. PC alternative
2. BlackBerrys and Palm Pilots
3. A long tale such as *Beowulf*
4. Prepare parmesan
5. Mutual defense org. to which Canada and the US belong
6. "Do ___ others as you would ..."
7. Like the famous wooden horse
8. Jealous wife of Zeus
9. All over again
10. Also
12. Facebook competitor
13. Airplane wing parts
14. Moved to the middle
20. Basketballer Bryant
24. With 41-Across, "Maggie May" or "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy?" singer
25. Then: Fr.
26. Blue jeans reinforcement
27. Tease
28. Lex's *Superman* sidekick
29. The Who's pinball wizard
30. Desert rest stops
31. Top card
32. Uncle Remus character
___ Rabbit or Bear
34. How-___: instruction manuals
36. Poker-faced
37. Early French Canadian
39. Deuce
40. Shrinking inland sea that forms part of the border between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan
42. Entrance's opposite
43. North and South ___
45. Sign up for more magazine issues
46. They were among the original inhabitants of Ontario
47. Assistant
49. "Sad to say..."
50. Iditarod's Alaska terminus
51. Must-have item
52. Bull ring wound
53. Be on the wane
56. At present

## Yesterday's Crossword

## What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

## Sudoku

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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| | 2 | | 8 | | 1 | | 3 | |
| | | | 6 | | 3 | | | |
| 3 | | 1 | | | | 4 | | 7 |
| | | 9 | 2 | | 5 | 7 | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | 8 |
| | | 8 | 7 | | 6 | 1 | | |
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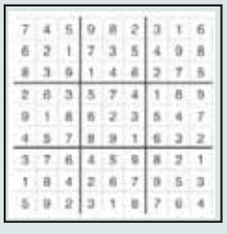
| | 6 | | 4 | | 9 | | 5 | |

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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